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ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

On England and Scotland by
Rev. A. S. Bisbee.

Rev. A. S. Bisbee delivered an interesting illustrated lecture at the Universalist church Sunday night to a good sized audience. The stereopticon views of the docks, public buildings, cathedrals and historic places in England and Scotland were exceptionally good, and the fluent and conversational style of Mr. Bisbee's explanations and comments, made the hearer almost forget that pictures and not the real objects were in view.

The lecture was for the most part historically instructive, and conveyed, in instances, temperance lessons that may awaken some sentiment against the drink evil. Regarding a statement of historical inaccuracy, made during the lecture, brief comment is made in the editorial department.

OFFICERS RESIGN.

A Sweeping Change in the
Officers of the Rumford
National Bank.

Monday, Jan 7th at 2 p. m., the following officers and directors of the Rumford National Bank resigned in a body:

John A. Becker, President
Charles M. Bisbee, 1st Vice-President
John E. Stephens, 2nd Vice-President
Directors: Including the above of:
O. J. Gonyea, Edwin H. Gleason,
Preston H. Lowe, Hosea B. Whitman,
George L. Merrill.
E. S. Kennard, cashier; J. H. Hassett
and Hugh J. Chisholm, directors, did not resign.

While for some time the fact that Mr. Chisholm had acquired a controlling interest in the bank had been known, the action of the officers in resigning came as a surprise to the public.

ROLL OFF.

The roll off in the bowling alley Monday night was the most interesting of the season, and the highest average score was made. Tucker and Shea were both out of the winning, for the first time for the season. Neff was first, Anderson second and Cutter third. The scores:

Neff	100	113	93	306
Tucker	94	88	86	268
Shea	95	78	77	250
Brigham	75	94	94	264
Anderson	119	88	91	298
Reed	75	76	70	221
Gilpatrick	84	82	76	242
Cutter	93	86	91	270
Morton	95	85	86	266
Scovincey	79	78	89	246

RUMFORD NATIONAL BANK.

Holds Annual Meeting.—Change in Board of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Rumford National Bank held last Tuesday, there was practically a complete change of directors. The newly elected are as follows: Hugh J. Chisholm, Edward W. Cox, B. C. Bradford, John H. Hassett, Theodore Hawley, Hosea B. Whitman, R. J. Virgin, Fred O. Eaton, Edward S. Kennard.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Fred O. Eaton was elected president, and Edward S. Kennard cashier.

PIANOS.

For cash or on easy payments we have:

Mehlin & Son, Ivers and Pond, Sterling, Regent, Keller and others.

If thinking of buying a piano, get our prices before closing a trade.

F. J. RIGBY,

Representing
Cressey & Allen, Portland,
Office, Room 5, Cates Block,
Rumford Falls.

STORE BREAKS.

Bowling Alley Entered By a
Thief Sunday Night.

Last week a store on Congress street was broken into, but as the police thought they were on the trail of the thief, the account was not given to the public. The thief is growing bolder and perhaps thinks his breaks are not taken notice of, for Sunday night he broke into the bowling alley and stole what cash was left in the money drawer. He effected an entrance by climbing onto the roof of the alley building from Lowell street, and getting in at the billiard hall window. The money drawer there was pried open, and the one down stairs was ripped off and carefully placed on the stand. The slot machine was also lifted of its contents. There was but little money left in the place Saturday night and it is likely the thief did not profit more than forty or fifty cents.

I. O. O. F.

Install Officers and give Entertainment and Banquet.

The Independent Order of Foresters, Rumford Falls Court, No. 1861, installed the following officers Thursday evening, Jan 3, at the lodge room in Cates Hall. Dr. C. H. Burgess of Bangor, physician of the High Court of Maine, officiated: Fred A. Blackmore, C. R.; James C. McKenzie, V. C. R.; G. C. Nadeau, C. D.; Charles A. Bujold, F. S.; Peter Portras, Treas.; James P. McGee, R. S.; Wm. N. Pratt, Orator; M. McLeod, Past; C. R. John Brennick, S. W.; N. J. Kelley, J. W.; J. A. McMenamin, S. B.; D. H. McCafferty, J. B.; T. E. Wheel, Wm. P. Hutchins, Court Physicians.

Dr. Burgess upon his arrival at the P. & R. Ry. station at 4:15 p. m. Thursday, was met by Drs. Wheel and Hutchins and Charles A. Bujold, and after a short sight seeing trip about the village, the party repaired to Hotel Rumford where a supper and social time was enjoyed, to which the editor was invited.

The installation of officers was impressively and ceremoniously performed, and three new members initiated. Following these ceremonies, addresses were made by Drs. Burgess, Wheel and Stanwood. The court then adjourned and partook of a banquet and then passed a social hour in informal discussion. This court is one of the largest in Maine, having 210 members. It was formerly the largest, but now is third in size.

Dr. Burgess remained in town until Friday afternoon, and was given an opportunity to see the great mills and other marvelous things that distinguish Rumford Falls.

MISS ETHEL BATTING WILL BE HERE JAN. 21st.

The entertainment committee of the Universalist Society, Lucien W. Blanchard, chairman, has provided some very fine entertainments in the past, and that is a good omen for future efforts of the committee, but it matters not under whose auspices Miss Ethel Battling comes here, the entertainment she gives will be highly appreciated and largely attended. The fact that this committee has engaged Miss Battling and has arranged for the entertainment to occur in the Universalist church, Monday, Jan. 21st, reflects credit upon the committee and the society they represent.

Miss Battling is a public reader of great talent, which combined with her strong personal character, makes an attraction that alone supplies an entertainment, but she will be accompanied by a soloist, and the entertainment will be varied in character. Miss Battling comes from the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, Boston.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Edward Soule, a young man about 22 years old, died at his room in McKenzie block Friday night at 7 o'clock. The young man had been sick but a few days, and was out of doors Wednesday. His former home was in Dexter, N. Y., where the body was sent. His father and mother are dead. He had been at Rumford Falls about four months, and was employed on a paper machine in the International Paper Co.

CITIZEN SIGHT SEER.

In quest of Musical Knowledge visits Frank J. Rigby, and finds an old time friend.—He also calls at the Police Station.—Sturges Deputy Bisbee buys a Straw Hat.

The sight seer, although knowing less about music than any other thing in the world, has great admiration for the accomplished musician; and often discusses with such, the principles and art of music, or to be more truthful, makes some pretext by means of which the musician is induced to talk for his entertainment and enlightenment.

With such an object in view, the sight seer called to see Mr. F. J. Rigby, whose music rooms are in Cates' building. Several times before he had talked with Mr. Rigby and had often heard him play at different functions, and shared the public appreciation of his ability.

At the time this call was made the general topic of conversation among the people was the electric railway

bearing, and naturally we fell to discussing that subject, regardless of the object for which the call was made. The sight seer was posted, for he is a constant reader of the CITIZEN, and felt quite at home in the consideration of that matter. In talking of the great development in electric railroads in the state, the difference between the days when we were boys and now, was mentioned, which caused the sight seer to remark "My school days were spent in Newport, and by the way, that makes me think that I went to school with a fellow named Frank Rigby." Before the sight seer had half finished the sentence, a smile had lighted up Mr. Rigby's face, and as he extended his hand, he said, "I am the same Frank Rigby, and I have been thinking ever since you've been in town, that I had seen you before." So it happened that the musician and the sight seer grasped hands across the gulf of years. How many? Well, not less than thirty. The shades of night settled down upon the world, and the shadows grew dark and deep, and still the stories of the days when boyish tricks were all the vogue, showed no diminution in volume or interest.

Reviewing these now inconsequential events brought happy recollections of a phase of life that we shall know no more. During those thirty odd years, Mr. Rigby has been developing and perfecting the natural talent for music that distinguished him as a boy. He has visited several European countries where he has taken lessons from celebrated musicians, and has taught music in many of America's large cities. He came to Rumford Falls with an established reputation, and has found public appreciation very manifest. He has music scholars from all the surrounding towns, and with his work as leader of the band and conductor in the Choral Union, and special musical instructor, his leisure time is almost none; and after giving the scribe a short talk on the merits of the various pianos, (Mr. Rigby is agent for Cressey and Allen, Portland,) and exchanging again the greetings that seemed to blot out the years between, and make boyhood and manhood commingle as one, the scribe took his departure, feeling that the world was not such a large spot after all, and that it would be much better worth while living on it if there were more men of Mr. Rigby's agreeable manner and steadfast character.

The Sturges deputies watched the old year out at the police station. For them the rising of the sun January first, nineteen hundred and seven, shed no golden rays—they will have to raise the dough some other way now, for while their commissions are still in force, their pay and consequent active service is ended—unless the deputy sheriffs fail to "make good."

The police officers feel sorry to part company with the Sturges men for they have worked well together, and mutual friendships have sprung up that will leave pleasant memories with them all.

The sight seer has chronicled some of their good work, and also some deeds that were not so bad—when considered from the funny side of life. Joe expressed it when he said, "That dang'd Bisbee, he is now gone and my onions will cost me ten cents apiece no more." Roach then beckoned to the scribe, who accompanied the officer to the storage room. "There," said the officer, "You see that box and that old straw hat? Well that came C. O. D. from Portland, marked Rev. A. S. Bisbee, and the charges, \$2.50, were paid (Continued on Page Four.)

ISRAELSON'S Semi-Annual Mark Down Sale

Has amazed Rumford's Shrewdest Buyers, and with Good Reason, as the prices we have marked on our stock of Clean Up-to-date Clothing are actually less than wholesale cost.

For another week we shall continue this sale and it will be wise to take advantage of the great Mark Down Prices.

The much Higher and Constantly Advancing Cost of every line of Clothing makes it absolutely impossible for any one to buy these same goods, during this year, at least, for anything like the prices we make during this Great Mark Down Sale.

Suits	Value \$10, \$12.50, \$15.00	\$8.50
Suits in fancy Worsteds, Scotch and cassimeres in both single and double breasted. All cut in the new length and a perfect fit guaranteed. Regular price of these suits, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. At this sale, \$8.50		

Suits	Value \$20 and \$22	\$15
Adler's and Kuppenheimer's \$20.00, \$22.00 Suits, finest custom tailoring, all the best English worsteds and Scotch in stripes and overplaid. An opportunity to buy a fine tailored garment at a great saving. At this sale, \$15.00		

Overcoats	Value \$14 & \$15	\$10
Black Kerseys and frieze overcoats in black and oxford, silk velvet collars, 44 and 52 inches long, broad shoulders, form fitting or loose. Regular price \$14 and \$15. At this sale, \$10.00		

Suits	Value \$14 and \$15	\$10.00
High grade suits of Cassimeres and fancy worsteds in regular and stout, sizes from 34 to 46, every garment a perfect fit. Regular price \$14.00 and \$15.00. At this sale, \$10.00		

Raincoats	Value \$16.00	\$12.50
Pure worsted raincoats, venetian lined and hand made collars, broad shoulder. Coat worth \$16. At this sale, \$12.50		

Overcoats	Value \$16 and \$18	\$12.50
Form fitting overcoats, also long, loose effect, every coat equal to tailor made, in grays and blacks, our best \$16 to \$18 values at \$12.50		

Suits	Value \$16.00 and \$18.00	\$12.50
Suits in Worsteds and new stripes, overplaid and Scotch, all hand tailored, broad shoulders, 31 inches long and fit to perfection. Regular price \$16 and \$18. At this sale, \$12.50		

Overcoats	Value \$10 to \$13.50	\$8.50
Overcoats in Kersey and black and gray chevots and fancy Scotch in semi form fitting back and long 52 in. coat. Regular prices \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$13.50. At this sale, \$8.50		

Overcoats	Value \$20.00 and \$22.00	\$15
All cut in up-to-date lengths and form fitting in Kerseys and meltons in black and grays. Every coat hand made, our \$20 and \$22 grade. At this sale, \$15.00		

Semi-Annual Mark Down on Boys' and Children's Suits

In Norfolk and Knickerbocker pants, Russian, Double-breasted and Sailor, in fancy Chevots and Worsteds, age 2 1-2 to 16 years. 1-4 off regular price.

Semi-Annual Mark Down on Boys' and Children's Overcoats

And Reefers, in Kerseys, Meltons, and fancy Scotch. Every garment has all the style and fit for the most critical. Sizes 3 to 16 years. 1-4 off regular price.

Still a chance to Save on Ladies' and Misses' shoes.

Our lines are still unbroken in Ladies' and Misses shoes and we can fit any lady or Miss to a pair of shoes at a saving of 50c. to 75c. per pair.

Dorothy Dodd \$4.00 shoes	\$3.25
Dorothy Dodd \$3.50 shoes	\$3.00
Dorothy Dodd \$3.00 Oxfords	\$2.50
Dorothy Dodd \$2.50 Oxfords	\$2.00
\$2.50 shoes and Oxfords	\$2.00
\$2.00 shoes and Oxfords	\$1.65
\$1.50 shoes and Oxfords	\$1.25

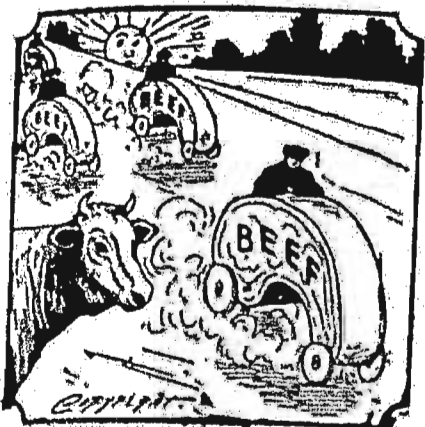
Rubbers, overshoes and slippers on a big reduction.

Fur Coats Marked Down

Far Below Regular Prices.

\$22. Dog skin coats, plain collar	\$18.50
\$26. Dog skin coats, Nutria collar	\$20.00
\$32. Dark Calf Coat, Nutria collar	\$25.00
\$35. Dark Calf Coat, Nutria collar and cuffs	\$29.00
\$65. Coon skin Coat, plain collar	\$55.00
\$50. Coon skin Coat, rat collar and cuffs,	\$40.00
\$65. Coon coat rat collar and cuffs,	\$50.00
\$85. Best quality coon coat, Otter collar and cuffs,	\$65.00

ISRAELSON'S



WE'RE AHEAD

in the beef race because we handle nothing but the best prime cattle. Not tough old cows, but young healthy steers raised especially

FOR BEEF

There's as much difference between our meat and that of others as there is between day and night. Put your teeth in a piece of steak or roast from here and you'll never want any other butcher. We know.

COBB BROS.,

Rumford Falls,
Maine.

Bell Tailoring Co.

29 Congress St.,

MERCHANT TAILORS.

Suits made to order at reasonable prices.

Good Fit Guaranteed.

Cleaning, Dying and Pressing.

BELL TAILORING COMPANY,
Rumford Falls, Maine.

FRYE.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house was visited by "Santa Claus," who had a big sack of his back which he left for the good boys and girls. The tree was well loaded with useful articles and was nicely trimmed.

Among those who came home for Christmas were Roy Taylor from Bowdoin College, Miss A. E. Burgess from Bowdoin College, Lewiston, C. F. Penley from Haverhill, George Burgess from Cambridge, Miss Albertina McInnes from Huxford, Herald from Rumford and Malcolm from Roxbury.

Miss Agnes Philbrick and brother, and Herald McInnes of Rumford Falls spent a pleasant evening last week at C. S. P. Farm.

H. Burgess went to Mexico one day last week and returned with a nice work horse which he will use hauling lime to Goff's mill in Mexico.

Mr. Herbert Mitchell with wife and children and Miss Trott, spent last Friday evening with Mrs. H. C. Burgess at C. S. P. Farm.

Mr. Alton Baker is visiting at C. E. Philbrick's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burgess went to Easthage last Saturday to visit his mother, who had the misfortune to break her leg.

We hear talk of an F. B. D. route which will start at Hale postoffice in Mexico, go up Swift river to Byron, west to Silver Lake in Roxbury, through the notch to the west side of the river and back to Hale postoffice. This route will be over 25 miles long and will accommodate a great many people.

A. B. Penley, who was badly hurt in the woods by a falling tree, and attended by Dr. Hutchins of Rumford, is able to attend to his work again.

C. F. Philbrick and A. E. Philbrick are getting their supply of ice from Swift river.

Miss Amy Philbrick is in very poor health.

Clear up the complexion, cleanse the liver and tone the system. You can best do this by a dose or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Safe, reliable little pills with a reputation. The pills that everyone knows. Recommended by Bowers & Vallee.

THE HOME

Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Column Dedicated to at Evening

29c. Sale

29c. Sale

1. Annual 29c

DAY, JANUARY 15th., AT 9

you want—and that's what we try to give. MONEY SAVING—Our Bargain Opportunities cannot always be the HALF sale saves you from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. and in some instances

Special Kitchen Assortments at 29c.

Asst. No. 1. 1 Egg Whip, 1 Sink Scraper, 1 Cookie Cutter, 1 tack puller, 1 Apple Corer, 1 Pint Dipper, 1 Biscuit Cutter, 1 Steel Ring Dish Cloth. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 2. 6 Spice Boxes in Rack, 1 Broiler, 1 Grater, 1 Mincing Knife. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 3. 1 Three Arm Towel Rack, 1 large Scrub Brush, 1 Furniture Beater, 1 Towel Roller, 1 sink scraper. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 4. 1 Wash Basin, 1 Eight Cup Muffin Pan, 1 Wire Strainer, 1 Biscuit Cutter, 1 Pie Fork, 1 pr. Straw Cuffs. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 5. 2 Large 10c. Jars Petroleum Jelly, 1 Bottle Cleansing Compound for removing stains from clothing, 1 Bottle

to keep the skirt of, her dress above the dirt of the street, to have convenient and roomy pockets, to relieve her overloaded hands, to eschew the senseless custom of partially concealing her features, flattening her nose and injuring her eyes with a little gauze mask, whatever are the decrees of Dame Fashion.

Let the good mother, though often perplexed with care, and striving to lay up for the inevitable "rainy day," not neglect the intellectual and spiritual training of the little ones entrusted to her care, but listen to their plans, and take part in their childish enjoyments, and when the evening lamps are lighted read to them and talk to them of intimate things, sowing the seed of good thoughts, and so gain their love and confidence that anything they afterwards meet that does not seem quite right to them, may be talked over with their parents. The recollection of such intercourse will be a well spring of tender memories when she shall have passed away.

A Perfect Home.

The most perfect home we ever saw was a little house into the sweet incense of whose fires went no costly thing. A thousand dollars served as a year's living for father, mother and three children. But the mother was the creator of the home; her relations with the children were the most beautiful we have ever seen; every inmate of the house involuntarily looked into her face for the keynote of the day and it always rang clear. From the rose or clover leaf, which in spite of her hard housework she always found time to put beside our plates at breakfast, down to the story she had in hand to read in the evening, there was no intermission of her influence. She has always been and always will be our ideal of a mother, wife and homemaker. If to her quick brain, loving heart and exquisite face had been added the appliances of wealth and enlargement of wide culture, here would have been absolutely the ideal home. As it was, it was the best we have ever seen.

GREETINGS FROM SOUTHERN PINES.

The CITIZEN is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. P. Goodwin of Mexico who is spending the cold months at his winter home in Southern Pines, N. C., which is a very popular resort with many Maine people.

Mr. Goodwin writes very interestingly of the country there and we publish the letter in order that the many friends of Mr. Goodwin may enjoy it with the CITIZEN.

Southern Pines, N. C.,
Dec. 10th, 1906.

To the CITIZEN:
Thinking a letter from this section of the country might be interesting to your readers, I will give you a description of the country of which Southern Pines is a part. It is the sand-hill section, so called, being a ridge of sand one hundred or more miles in length and averaging seven miles in width. The elevation at Southern Pines is six hundred feet above tide-water. There are no bodies of water larger than the small brooks that flow from the springs which are plentiful and of the finest water. The air is pure and dry, and people having throat or lung troubles are greatly benefited by this delightful climate.

Our party arrived here the 5th of December and during the two weeks since then the temperature has averaged about 50 degrees. For several days the temperature has been as high as 65 degrees. Southern Pines is mainly a winter resort for Northern people. Last winter there were 140 from Maine alone. Nearly all the New England and Middle States are represented in the winter residents. The cost of living is about the same as in the north. Southern Pines is reached by the Sea Board Air Line Ry. from Washington and Norfolk—time about 12 hours, making the time from Rumford Falls to Southern Pines 48 hours.

Truly yours,
E. P. GOODWIN.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin a box of salve can save much discomfort. In buying salve look for the name on the box to avoid any imitations, and be sure you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by Bowers & Vallee.

Specials at 29c.

1 Pkg. Handfold Toilet Paper.

for 29c.

stripes, worth 12 c. ea., 5 yds. for

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MATE HOUSE

Special Representative.

Other Interesting Items.

Maine Sportmen's Fish & Game Association, at the annual meeting last week, and it was voted to recommend that the Legislature enact a measure containing those general features. The bill provides that a license of one dollar is to be paid for the privilege of carrying firearms upon the unorganized townships from Dec. 15 to Sept. 1, and says that the license money shall go to the uses of the fish and game commission. Licenses are to be issued only to residents of the wild lands and occupants of licensed sporting camps and hotels, and no non-resident citizen is to receive a license. What the Legislature will do with the bill is a matter for speculation.

Representative Stearns of Norway has a good seat in the second row from the front next the second aisle to the left of the speaker.

A large number of matters deferred from the last Legislature will be brought before the present Legislature on Thursday, Jan. 10th. Among them are:

A proposition to put the municipal courts all under a general law.

A proposition for a general law to regulate the use of high tension electric wires.

Petitions for the investigation of Shiloh.

A proposition for the state to acquire deforested lands and reforest them.

Several propositions for the aid of the blind and the feeble minded.

Three propositions for the establishment of new normal schools in eastern Maine.

A proposition for the teaching of music in the common schools. This is the William R. Chapman bill which has twice failed of enactment.

The year's fees in the Maine State insurance department last year were \$19,486.83, according to the report just issued by the insurance commissioner, Stephen W. Carr of Bowdoinham.

These were obtained from license to 77 companies, 1223 agents' licenses, 65 brokers' licenses, 3 special brokers' licenses, annual statements from 88 companies, tax returns from 3 companies, franchise taxes from 3 companies, charters to 4 companies, annual examinations of 3 companies, 1 certificate of qualification, 1 approval of organization, 1 charter fee, 1 school and tax, and miscellaneous receipts amounting to \$44.50.

The fees of 1906 are 677.33 larger than those of 1905.

The commissary general's report contains the statement that at muster time the supplies issued to Company D, 1st regiment of the National Guard of the State of Maine, amounted to \$3.85, which was about the average.

Company D is located at Norway and is the only military company in Oxford county.

In the surgeon general's report, favorable mention is made of the promotion of second assistant surgeon and lieutenant Charles L. Cragin of Portland to be first assistant surgeon and captain in the first regiment. Dr. Cragin is a Norway boy who formerly belonged to the company there, and as attached to the hospital corps.

The surgeon general's report also contains a recommendation for the moving of either the stables and sinks, or the cockhouses at the master rounds in Augusta, so that they will be farther apart.

The Kodol almanac is a publication well worth having. It has besides a 200 year calendar, and much general information, a series of astrological articles that are of great interest to those who are speculating in about things. The publishers of it have generously offered to send a copy free to each subscriber to the Citizen. If you desire the almanac, send your name and address, mentioning this paper, to E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, Ill. Enclose 2cts. postage.

The Stevens sisters have returned to Massachusetts, where they are engaged in teaching.

A petition has been in circulation, a new town road to be laid out at the farm of George W. Davis at South Woodstock.

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NORWAY.

The United States inspection of Co. D will take place Jan. 24th. It is not as yet known who the inspecting officer will be.

F. W. Sanborn has finished off a kitchen upstairs in the S. N. Buck house on Deering street, thus making another rent in the house. George Swift did the work.

There was a social dance at the Opera House last Friday.

Freeland Howe, Jr., recently made a business trip to Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. F. N. Barker has been confined to the house by sickness.

A. W. Gould of Malden, Mass., was in Norway last week to visit his farm, Hazelhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Cowan spent last week with Mr. Cowan's parents at Hampden.

Bessie Haggett, who has been teaching in Waterford, has finished her school and is at home.

Arthur F. Hutchins is working for J. T. Rowe in his barber shop evenings. He is learning the trade.

Mell Durgin has just killed a hog that weighed 260 pounds.

Carrie Hall visited Ruth Tucker at West Paris last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edgerly visited her sister, Mrs. Parlin, recently.

Joseph Woods is the new engineer at the C. B. Cummings & Sons' steam plant. Woods formerly worked for J. M. Cummings in his stable.

Mrs. Jabez Budden slipped on the ice last week and sprained her ankle. It was necessary to place a plaster cast on the ankle.

Owen Brooks is obliged to go about on crutches as the result of a sprained knee which he received while working on his house some time ago.

Mrs. Charles Walker has been suffering severely for several days on account of getting a needle in her foot. She is improving.

The annual parish supper and business meeting of the Universalist church was held last Thursday evening, supper at 6:30.

Rev. R. S. Rideout was the grateful recipient of a generous purse of money which the people of the Center church presented to him from the Christmas tree, Christmas night.

Kenneth C. Gurney has closed his East Stoneham camp and has gone to Haverhill, Mass., and is cutting shoes.

The Veranda Club are to have their annual calico ball at Norway Opera House, Feb. 14th, St. Valentine's day.

Guy Bennett, while turning the switch to the heater on one of the cars at the N. & P. Street Railway car barn, a short time ago, burned his right hand quite badly.

Dr. B. F. Bradbury and Dr. H. L. Bartlett attended the Oxford County Medical Association at Mechanic Falls last week. The next meeting will be held the last Monday in March.

Col. Charles E. Davis will be the inspecting officer with Co. D, 1st Regt., N. G. S. M.

F. J. McCarthy, local theatrical manager, is fitting a local female minstrel show for a stage performance at an early date. Rehearsals at G. A. hall every Thursday evening.

BRYANT'S POND.

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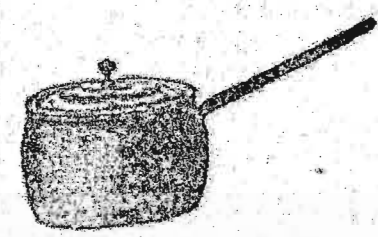
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th., AT 9 A. M.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY—and that's what you want—and that's what we try to give. MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITY. A store ceases to be a public benefit when it ceases to give to the public reliable merchandise at saving prices. Our Bargain Opportunities cannot always be the HALF-PRICE variety, but if we can save you even 5 per cent. of your living expenses it is worth while. This sale saves you from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. and in some instances more.

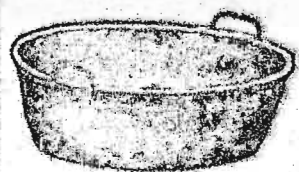
In the Basement the Annual 29c. January Sale of Kitchen Ware assumes unusual proportions. In preparing for this sale we have brought together well known articles of great utility—things that careful housekeepers want—at prices way below those usually paid. There are many rare opportunities for replenishing your kitchen supplies at prices for this one day that guarantee real and positive economy.

Enameled Ware at 29c.

12 qt. Water Pails,
10 qt. Dish Pans,
2 qt. Double Boilers,
1 qt. Berlin Sauce Pans with cover.

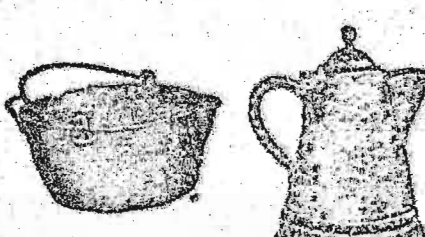


6 qt. Berlin Kettles with cover,
8 qt. Berlin Kettles with cover,
1 qt. Preserving Kettles,
6 qt. Preserving Kettles,



12 qt. Tea Pots,
1 qt. Tea Pots,
1 qt. Coffee Pots,
1 qt. Coffee Pots,

8 qt. Preserving Kettles,
10 qt. Preserving Kettles,
12 qt. Preserving Kettles,
5 qt. Lipped Sauce Pans.



6 qt. Lipped Sauce Pans,
Large Gray Chambers,
Large Gray Platters,
Large Oblong Roasting Pans.



Tinware and Woodenware at 29c.

12 qt. Bread Boxes, japanned and lettered
Large japanned Bread Boxes, two sizes worth 60 and 75c.



12 qt. Bread Raisers with covers,
Set of four Cake Tins,
Galvanized Coal Hod and Shovel,
Large Wood Chopping Bowls,
Chamber Pails,
5 gal. Galvanized Oil Cans,
Set of 3 tin pie plates,
Extra large Fry Pans.



Special Kitchen Assortments at 29c.

Asst. No. 1. 1 Egg Whip, 1 Sink Scraper, 1 Cookie Cutter, 1 tack puller,
1 Apple Corer, 1 Pint Dipper, 1 Biscuit Cutter, 1 Steel Ring
Dish Cloth. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 2. 6 Spice Boxes in Rack, 1 Broiler, 1 Grater, 1 Mincing Knife.
All for 29c.

Asst. No. 3. 1 Three Arm Towel Rack, 1 large Scrub Brush, 1 Furni-
ture Beater, 1 Towel Roller, 1 sink scraper. All for 29c.

Asst. No. 4. 1 Wash Basin, 1 Eight Cup Muffin Pan, 1 Wire Strainer,
1 Biscuit Cutter, 1 Pie Fork, 1 pt. Straw Cuffs. All for
29c.

Asst. No. 5. 2 Large 10c. Jars Petroleum Jelly, 1 Bottle Cleansing
Compound for removing stains from clothing, 1 Bottle
Furniture Polish. All for 29c.

Miscellaneous Specials at 29c.

4 Large Sash Curtain Rods with Silver Ball on ends,
4 China Plates,
Set of 4 Yellow Napkins,
4 Blue Japanese A. D. Cups and Saucers,
2 Blue Japanese Tea Cups and Saucers,
Large China Pitcher,
50c. Japanese Cups and Saucers,
Fancy Plates,
Decorated Platters,
China Vases,
Japanese China Sugar and Cream Sets,
Bavarian China Sugar and Cream Sets,
China Spoon Trays,
6 Fine Engraved Hand Blown Tumblers,
50c. Cloth Brushes,
50c. Hair Brushes,
4 Boxes Cello Paper,
250 Hand Oblong Envelopes in Box,
250 Hand Square or Rectangular Envelopes in Box,
1 Box of any 4 articles from 10c. Tea table,
4 Box Candy (To equal Fruit Box) for 29c.



4 Pkys. Handifold Toilet Paper.

50c. Toy Butcher Shop,
50c. Doll Houses,
4 Boxes 5c. China Tea Sets,
4 Boxes 5c. Japanese Tea Sets,
4 Boxes 5c. Porcelain Tea Sets,
50c. Mc. Egan's Toys,
50c. Banks,
50c. Noah's Ark,
50c. Flash Animals,
50c. Heavy Coat Hangers,
4 Coat and Pant Hangers combined.

Flannelettes for 29c.

One lot Eden cloth, blue and gray stripes, worth 12 1-2c., 5 yds. for
29c.
One lot 10c. Flannelettes, 4 yds. for 29c.
One lot 15c. Flannelettes, 3 yds. for 29c.
One lot Arnold's cotton broadcloths, were 29c. per yd., sale 2 yds. for
29c.

For 29c. on the Street Floor

One lot white TamO'Shanter, 50c. values, 2 for 29c.
1 25c. infant's band with 1 dozen safety pins 29c.
1 25c. pillow top with 2 skeins of silk 29c.
7 Thimbles value 5c. each for 29c.
1 10c. Thimble, 1 paper of needles, a spool of silk and 4 sewing machine
needles for 29c.
4 yds. dark print with spool of thread for 29c.
3 Turkish towels, bleached or unbleached 29c.
5 yds. of 7c. Outing Flannel for 29c.
7 yds. 6c. colored Outing Flannel remnants 29c.
6 yds. cotton crash worth 6c. per yd. for 29c.

New Spring Gingham

Just received 5000 yds. of the newest gingham just pulled off the
loom—And they are so fresh and pretty—Yes, we believe they are more
beautiful than ever.
All sorts of designs in both distinct and indistinct stripes and
checks. The kinds are the well known brand "A. F. C.'s" at 10c.
Bates' seersuckers and Toile de Nord at 12 1-2c.

Muslin Underwear for 29c.

Our entire lot 39c. underwear that was left from white sale will be
put on sale next Tuesday at 29c.

Bracelets at 29c.

Our entire line going into this sale.
All bracelets that were 25c. sell for
2 for 29c.
All bracelets from 40c. to \$1.25.
Sale price, choice at 29c.

Domestic and Household Goods at 29c.

1 pair pillow slips worth 39c. a pair.
Sale price, 29c.
27 in. ciderlows, worth 35c. per
yd., 29c.
4 yds. ecru for 29c.
2 rolls of 20c. cotton batting, 29c.
5 yds. sheet oil cloth for 29c.
1 1/2 yds. of standard oil cloth in
colors for 29c.
3 yds. 15c. outing flannel, white, 29c.
3 yds. glass linen crash, red and
blue check, for 29c.
8 sheets of 5c. white wadding for 29c.
3 yds. unbleached crash worth 12c.
per yd., for 29c.
1 1/2 yds. veiling for 29c.
2 yds. of handsome flannelettes for
kimono, for 29c.

Hair Ornaments 29c.

2 doz. 25c. hairpins for 29c.
One lot 20c. shell hair pins in neat
boxes, 2 boxes or 2 doz., 29c.
2 17c. dressing combs, black, white
and amber, 29c.
2 rolls seam binding, 29c.
4 dozen hair pins, 29c.
One 25c. stock collar and a 10c. card
of collar pins 29c.
One 25c. belt together with two 5c.
papers of belt pins 29c.
3 luffs, men's initial, embroidered
or lace trimmed 29c.
7 5c. hdks. hemstitched, linen or
lawn 29c.
4 hair ribbons worth 40c. 29c.
One 25c. back or side combs and a
10c. set of beauty pins 29c.

STREET FLOOR.
Sale of Wool Underwear
One lot Ladies' white and camel's
Hair Wool Vests and Pants, sizes
from 32 to 42, were \$1.00, now 60c.

Splendid Economy in Garments and Furs.

Coats Nearly Half

You can get fitted to a coat here now for nearly Half what it cost before Jan.
1st. There's enough for good choosing.

Here are prices:

Were \$9.50	12.50	15.50	18.50	21.50	24.50
Now 4.98	6.98	7.50	9.98	12.50	12.50

18 Ladies' Suits For Half and Less

They are the newest and best of this season's purchases

25.00 Ladies' Suits	12.50	18.50 Ladies' Suits	9.98
23.00 Ladies' Suits	12.50	19.98 Ladies' Suits	9.98
22.50 Ladies' Suits	9.98		

Furs for Less than Half

There is still a good assortment of splendid values among the Furs. You can get
\$2.00 worth for \$1.00 and in some instances \$3.00 worth of fur for a single dollar.
Is it worth while?

Furs that were \$4.98,	3.98	and 2.98,	Choice at \$1.49
Those that were 5.98,	6.98	and 7.98,	Choice at \$2.98
Those that were 7.50 to 8.98,			Choice \$4.98

There are many others not mentioned.

Women's Rain Coats

These are in black, dark gray, and castor. The sizes are 32, 34, 36 and 38.
Some of them have half-fitting backs, most of them are loose. All splendid values.
Those that were

\$9.98, sale \$5.98;	12.50, sale 7.50;
13.98, sale 7.98;	14.98, sale 8.50;
16.98, sale 9.98,	

WANTED: A young man to learn the Dry Goods Business, he must be healthy; industrious, of good character, fair education. A good chance for an ambitious young man. Apply at Store.

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ENJOY A GOOD DINNER.

To Avoid Distress and Indigestion
After Eating.

Let us tell you how you can enjoy
good dinner, so that the heartiest
will set well on your stomach
and cause no unpleasant and disagree-
able after effects.
We will show you how to regain the
peace of your childhood and the en-
joyment of food, so that it will taste
as well as when mother cooked the
dinner.
There is no hard work necessary to
eat; no need of a rigid and self-
denying diet; no call for nasty and
unpleasant medicines. Simply take

a Mi-o-na stomach tablet before each
meal and before going to bed, and it
will so strengthen the stomach that
before long a hearty meal will give
you gratification and comfort, without
the least fear of distress and suffering.
The strongest proof we can offer of
our faith in this advice, is the fact that
the Cote Pharmacy, A. H. Williamson,
Prop., and Nathan Reynolds of Canton,
give an absolute, unqualified guarantee
(applying to two 50c boxes of Mi-o-na),
that your money will be refunded un-
less Mi-o-na cures. A guarantee like
this gives you confidence in Mi-o-na.
They take the whole risk, and the
remedy will not cost you a penny un-
less it cures.
Mi-o-na is not a mere digestive, giv-

ing only temporary relief, but a specific
for all diseases of the stomach,
strengthening the digestive organs and
making a permanent cure.

"THE LION AND THE MOUSE" AT
LEWISTON JAN. 22nd.

The greatest dramatic production
ever presented in this country is "The
Lion and the Mouse," by Charles
Klein, which play is to be the attrac-
tion at the Empire Theatre in Lewi-
ston on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22nd.
This play has had long runs in the
larger cities in this country, and is now
playing to capacity business in New
York City, and is on its second year's
run in this city. The big production

and company will appear in Lewiston
on the above date and local theatre-
goers should take advantage of the
special train which is to be run from
Rumford Falls for this big attraction,
the theatrical event of the year. The
special train will leave Rumford Falls
at 5:30 p. m., returning will leave Lewi-
ston at 11 p. m., and the fare for the
round trip will be only \$1.25. Tickets
may be ordered at Fernald's Drug
Store, not later than Jan. 14th, and
cash must accompany each order.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

Held Annual Meeting on January 9th.
The Bethel National Bank held its

annual meeting at the banking rooms
last Tuesday afternoon, at which time
the following directors were elected:
D. S. Hastings, Seth Walker, F. L. Ed-
wards, E. C. Bowler, I. C. Jordan, J.
G. Gehring, N. F. Brown.
At a subsequent meeting of the di-
rectors the following officers and com-
mittees were elected: President, D. S.
Hastings; Vice-President, Seth Walker;
Cashier, E. C. Park. Loaning commit-
tee: D. S. Hastings, E. C. Park, Seth
Walker. Examining committee: E. C.
Bowler, I. C. Jordan, F. L. Edwards.
The bank, though having been estab-
lished less than two years, shows a sur-
plus of \$4,000. The net earnings for
the past twelve months has been 12
per cent. on the capital stock, with

every chance for a good increase for
the present year. The bank is an in-
stitution which fills a long felt need
and is greatly appreciated by all.

The Farmers' Idea.
The Country Person—That is an un-
commonly fine hog, indeed.
The Farmer—Yes, sir. Ah! If we
wuz as fit to die as him, sir!—Cincin-
nati Commercial-Tribune.

Editorial Gentleness.
The office-boy had pied the first page
by dropping the form down two flights
of stairs.
"I wish," murmured the gentle edi-
tor, "that you had broken this news
more gently."—Judge.

BUSINESS CARDS.

W. W. GILCHREST.
Hair Dressing Parlors.
Next Door to Post Office, Hartford St.
Rumford Falls, Maine.

Gleason & Blanchard.
Attorneys at Law,
Edwin H. Gleason
Lucian W. Blanchard
Rumford Falls, Maine.

ARETAS E. STEARNS.
Lawyer,
Rooms 1 and 2,
Strathglass Building,
Congress St.,
Rumford Falls, Maine.

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All work promptly and carefully done.
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Insurance, Loans and
Real Estate.
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Practical Horse Shoer,
Prospect Avenue,
Rumford Falls, Maine.

J. B. REDMOND.
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Paper Hanging and Kalsomining.
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C. H. EATON
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Commission. Day telephone, 114-3.
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Dr. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST.
Office hours from 8 to
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DR. E. A. SHEEHY,
Dentist.
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Other hours by appointment.

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ialty.

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General Contractor, also proprietor of
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We take plans and build the blocks
to order for any size or dimensions for
entire buildings or foundations. We
have 100 different designs and dimen-
sions of blocks. We also have a good
assortment of blocks for retaining
walls, foundations, steps, buttresses,
sidewalks and all kinds of concrete
floors.

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Cascasweet. I can truthfully say it is
the best medicine I ever used for
babies. My little baby was a mere
skeleton from stomach trouble—so bad
that she did not notice anything, but
is now ventrally full, and we can almost
see her grow.—Nannie L. Taylor, Bed-
ford, Va." Cascasweet is sold by
Bowers & Vallee.

MEXICO AND RIDLONVILLE.

The Week's News as Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

The Uppan Kumin Club will meet
Saturday night, Jan. 12th, at the home
of Mrs. D. E. Dickey on Howard
street. A very interesting program has
been prepared for this meeting.

Rev. J. G. Fisher returned Friday
from Dexter, where he was called to
attend the funeral of one of his former
parishioners.

Leon M. Small was in Lewiston on
business last Friday.
Walter Wyman, son of John Wyman,
has been quite sick for a couple of
weeks.

N. L. Keene of Livermore Falls
spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W.
N. Hodgdon.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Aid
Society of the Congregational church
was held Tuesday afternoon at the
home of Mrs. W. W. Goodwin on Main
street.

Mrs. Herbert Wakefield of Bath, Me.,
is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. P.
Smart.

Elwin H. Gleason was home from
Augusta Friday.

Mrs. George Gosse, who has been the
guest of Mrs. George Bonney, returned
to her home in East Sumner last Fri-
day.

Rev. A. G. Warner was entertained by
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McCollister last
week.

Mrs. F. A. Perkins visited last Fri-
day with Mrs. George W. Taylor of
Rumford.

Miss Jennie Bean is teaching the
winter term of school in the Carver
district at Canton.

Mrs. Small of West Peru visited her
son, Leon M. Small and wife last Fri-
day.

Miss Mary Keenan, who has had an
attack of pneumonia, is much better.
Elisha Robinson started Wednesday
for Pomona, California, to visit his
brother. This is Mr. Robinson's
fourth trip across the continent.

Mrs. Ernest Furber spent several
days in Lewiston last week.

Miss Virabelle Allen and Miss Mar-
tin of Mechanic Falls were guests of
Miss Gladys Bonney last week.

Allison Day worked in N. S. Singer
& Son's store last week during the ab-
sence of Mr. Knox.

Miss Bertha Edgecombe of Liver-
more Falls was the guest of Mrs.
Louise Foster this week.

Edgar Decker has been on the sick
list for a couple of weeks.

Miss Ethel Pierson of Buckfield
visited Miss Bessie Durgin this week.

E. P. Corkum and Henry Clinch re-
turned Friday from Turner, where they
had been on a week's business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Croell returned last
week from Lewiston where they visited
their daughter, Mrs. True Gleason.

E. R. Stevens is confined to the house
with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Henry P. Holt moved into his new
tenement on Main street last Friday.

Mrs. Herman Martinson's parents,
who have been spending several weeks
with her, returned to their home in
Berlin, Saturday.

Mrs. Martin Nile visited Mrs. John
Wyman last Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Parsons has been quite
ill during the past week.

Harold Allen, who has been visiting
Timothy Bonney, returned to his home
in Mechanic Falls last week.

Orren Decker has secured a position
as clerk with Cressey Bros., and has
gone into the woods near Byron for the
logging season.

The Oxford Steam Laundry com-
menced operations last Friday. W. C.
Stevens is driving team for the laun-
dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMann are
boarding with Mrs. McLane.

John Howard has taken the manage-
ment of Howard Opera House again,
and gave a social dance Saturday night.

Carroll Swett, who has had one of
Henry Holt's teams in the woods log-
ging this winter, was obliged to come
out last week on account of the soft
weather.

S. G. Wheelwright of East Dixfield
was in town on business Saturday.

Rev. M. S. Howes moved his family
into Henry Holt's house on Whitman
street last week.

Fred Hollis has accepted a position
on the Maine Central railroad and has
moved his family to Portland.

Arthur R. Vandenberg is suffering
from an attack of acute neuralgia.

Miss Leticia of Portland, lady field
secretary for the Maine Missionary So-
ciety, spoke very interestingly to a
party of ladies Friday afternoon at the
home of Mrs. Fisher.

Bert Paul has purchased the barber
business formerly conducted by Nor-
man McLeod under Hotel Ridlon.

A. C. Allen has been quite ill during
the past week.

Harry O. Davis, bo. a piper at the
International mill, met with an acci-
dent while engaged in cutting a piece
of pipe last Thursday night. The pipe
slipped and struck him in the mouth,
cutting the lower lip quite badly.

The marriage of Miss Lula Dell
Parkins and Mr. Danville I. C. Knox
was solemnized Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at
the home of the bride's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. F. A. Perkins. The cere-
mony was performed by Rev. M. S.
Howes and was witnessed by the im-
mediate relatives of the bride and
groom. Mr. and Mrs. Knox will make
their home with Mrs. Knox's parents
at No. 43 Main street.

The week of prayer is being observed
in the Congregational church. Meet-
ings were conducted by the pastor on
Monday and Tuesday evenings, and
will also be held Thursday and Friday
evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Caldwell and
daughter, Violet, have returned to their
home in West Derry, after visiting
Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
F. A. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver of Virginia
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph
Gilbert.

A premature ceremony was accorded
a supposedly newly married couple last
Friday night on Front street. The
laugh was certainly on the comedians.

Hiram Richards lost his team of large
gray horses, which were valued at
about \$500.00 last Saturday morning.

The team was being driven by Hiram
Stevens, one of Mr. Richards' employees.
The team was backed up to unload a
load of garbage on the bank of the
river across from Ridlonville. The
ground was covered with ice and the
horses backed a little too far, and
were carried over the bank by the
weight of the sleigh. The bank is
nearly 60 feet high at that point and
very rough. Both horses were drowned.

W. L. Knowlton and Virgil Whitman
have returned from a visit in Farm-
ington.

Mrs. Charles Ripley, who has been
quite ill, is improving in health.

School Notes.
Notwithstanding the loss of the
Central school building by fire, school
opened promptly last Wednesday morn-
ing and work is progressing much as
usual. All of the grades are comfort-
ably located and well equipped for the
routine work.

All the publishing houses with whom
the school committee had dealings,
were very prompt in filling all orders
and made liberal reductions on the
prices of books. The members of the
committee are very grateful to these
companies for the courtesies shown
them in the promptness with which all
orders were filled, and for the favor
of reductions in prices.

The superintendent of schools and the
committee have equipped the school
with all necessary supplies at the least
possible expense and on the whole this
new equipment has cost much less than
if the books had been purchased in
small lots as the old ones wore out.

A special town meeting has been
called for Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12th
at 2 p. m., at the Town Hall. The
articles to be acted upon are the same
as those posted for the meeting of last
Friday which was of necessity post-
poned. The articles are as follows:

1. To see if the town will vote to
raise money to buy school books to
take the place of those burned. 2.

To see what action the town will take
in regard to new quarters for the
scholars of the Central division schools
and raise money for same, if necessary.

3. To see if the town will authorize
the school committee to prepare esti-
mates of the cost of building a new
high school building to take the place
of the one burned, and report same at
the annual town meeting.

School was kept Saturday to make
up for Monday.

Leon M. Small has been engaged to
convey the pupils from the Richards'
district to school during the winter
term.

Miss Lula Matthews has changed her
boarding place from Mrs. William
Hall's on Whitman street to Mrs.
Dennis Davenport's home on the Rox-
bury Road, which is much more con-
venient during the temporary school
arrangements.

Miss Ina Fogg will remain with Mrs.
Hall for the present.

Miss Grace Payson and Miss Pen-
sley are also boarding at Mrs. Daven-
port's.

Miss Etta E. Burbank is at the
Riverview House for the present.

Mrs. Thomas C. Chaffee is teacher of
the 3rd grade, located in the Select-
men's office, until another teacher can
be secured.

Mothers who give their children
Kennedy's Laxative, (containing)
Honey and Tar invariably endorse it.
Children like it because the taste is
so pleasant. It is the Original Laxa-
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CANTON HAPPENINGS.

As Observed and Told By The Citizen Reporter.

Miss Bernice Stubbs returned Friday
from Livermore Falls, where she has
been visiting her sister, Mrs. Allie
Russell, and is now the guest of her
eldest sister, Mrs. Charles Small at
the Point.

Mrs. Oscar Hayford has been under
a physician's care the past week.

John Dority, who has a situation at
Livermore Falls, spent a few days with
his family the first of the week.

Mrs. A. S. Thompson has been visit-
ing at the home of Mr. George Ricker
at East Sumner.

On account of the storm New Year's
eve the ball at North Turner was post-
poned to the following evening, when a
large company danced to the inspiring
strains of Prof. G. F. Towle's orches-
tra.

Mr. Fred Hollis, who has been em-
ployed by the P. & R. F. railroad for
many years, has resigned his position
and accepted a position on the Maine
Central. His family moved to Port-
land last week.

Miss Belle Gibbs of Livermore Falls
was a guest of Mrs. Bernard E. Patter-
son last Saturday.

Mr. Samuel Foster French passed
away at his home in Kirkland, Wash.,
Dec. 9th, at the advanced age of
eighty-five years. Mr. French was an
old resident of Canton and was an
uncle of Mrs. G. W. Moore. He mar-
ried Olivia Fuller, a sister of the late
Bradley Fuller of this place, and who
with one son, Harry D. French of Kirk-
land, survives him. Mr. French was
widely known and highly respected,
was one of the progressive pioneers of
Kirkland, contributing largely to the
upbuilding of that place.

Mrs. Nellie Cascarden has finished
work for E. Tammany and has gone to
Livermore Falls.

S. L. Boles was in town recently in
the interest of the Lewiston Monu-
mental works.

Fred Smith of Conway, N. H., ar-
rived Friday and is quite ill at the
home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.
B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hayford returned
home Friday from a pleasant visit
with their daughter, Mrs. Elbert D.
Hayford of Augusta.

Miss Flora M. Mitchell of Portland
has been the guest of her sister, Mrs.
Nathan Reynolds.

Mrs. Harry G. Douglass of Rumford
Falls was called to town Saturday by
the serious illness of her daughter,
Miss Madeline.

Miss Lila Gilbert and Miss Elsie
Carver were among those who attend-
ed the New Year's ball at this place
from Rumford Falls.

C. W. Webb, who is preparing to
move away in the near future, has sold
his horse to A. A. Glines.

At the last regular meeting of the
Relief Corps a part of the officers were
installed for the coming year by Past
President, Mrs. Ella Swasey. It was
voted to meet the first and third Tues-
day afternoons of each month instead
of once a month as heretofore.

Mrs. George Grover of Andover is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.
L. Darrington.

Miss Daisy Bradford of Turner
Center has been visiting Mr. and Mrs.
Andrew P. York, Irving York and
family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke C.
Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baum of Liver-
more Falls were in town Sunday.

Born, Friday, Jan. 4th, to Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Hinds, a daughter.

Mrs. Herbert A. Swett has been
visiting in Buckfield.

Adelbert Delano was in Norway
last week to attend the meeting of
the county commissioners. The board
consists of E. P. Fauce of Oxford,
Dean A. Ballard of Fryeburg and
Adelbert Delano of Canton, with E. P.
Fauce chairman. The board ad-
journed until Feb. 12th.

The annual meeting of the Dirigo
Fire Co. will be held Thursday even-
ing, Jan. 10th, for the election of of-
ficers.

A special theatre train is advertised
to Lewiston and return on Tuesday,

Jan. 22nd, to the production of, "The
Lion and The Mouse," at the Empire
Theatre. The train leaves Canton at
6.04, \$1.20 the round trip.

Mrs. B. E. Patterson was pleasantly
surprised on Christmas day when she
received a beautiful gold watch and
guard as a gift from her husband.

About forty couples attended the
New Year's ball at the Opera House
Tuesday evening. S. G. Wheelwright's
orchestra of East Dixfield, composed
of George Hisecock first violin, S. G.
Wheelwright, clarinet, Thomas P.
Holt trombone, Ed Haines traps and
Wildie K. Chase piano, discoursed de-
lightful music. A large number from
out of town attended the ball. An
oyster supper was served.

Miss Marjorie Nason of Livermore
Falls has been on a week's visit to her
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
Oldham, returning to her home Mon-
day.

Mrs. Wm. Bailey was a guest at
Miss Sadie Bailey's Monday.

At a regular meeting of John A.
Hodge Post, O. A. R., held last Sat-
urday, the officers were installed by Past
Commander G. W. Moore.

Mrs. George H. Johnson went to
Livermore Falls on a shopping excur-
sion last Monday.

Mr. George E. Cortiss is in town
visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henry Brown, who has been
quite ill, is improving.

Miss Rosamond Blanche Newman of
Dixfield is visiting her grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blanchard.

Miss Jennie Bean of Mexico is teach-
ing school in Carver district.

Miss Minnie Wood of Auburn is
visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred John-
son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Walker,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Richardson,
Mrs. Frances Smith and Charles E.
Lane visited Rockmeoka Grange at
Port last Saturday, when the officers
of the grange were installed by C. D.
Leavitt, Master of New Century
Pomona.

Mrs. Frank W. Oliver recently visit-
ed her sister, Mrs. C. S. Rand at Rum-
ford Falls.

Mrs. J. W. Bicknell has been ill and
confined to the house the past week.

Miss Ethel Russell returned the first
of the week from a visit with her sister,
Mrs. Amos Elliott of North Rum-
ford.

Mr. B. H. Emery of the Civic League
preached at the Free Baptist church
last Sunday. We are pleased to note
that the pastor, Rev. R. H. Tilton, who
has been very ill, was able to be pre-
sent and take part in the services.

In the evening Mr. Emery gave an inter-
esting temperance lecture, illustrated
with a large number of views which
were instructive and interesting.

D. D. G. M., George L. Rowe of
West Peru, assisted by Edmund B.
Burgess as Grand Marshal, John C.
Parlin as Grand Warden, Nathan
Reynolds as Grand Secretary, G. Hay-
ford as Grand Treasurer and Bernard
E. Patterson as Grand Guardian, in-
stalled the officers of Anasagunticook
Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., Wednesday
evening. Following are the officers for
the ensuing year: N. G., Clarence A.
Swett; V. G., Adelbert Alley; Rec.
Sec., William A. Lucas; Fin. Sec.,
Herbert A. Swett; Treas., Edwin K.
Hollis; R. S. N. G., Milford A. Walte;
L. S. N. G., Bernard E. Patterson;
War., A. L. Hodge; Cond., Charles R.
Swett; R. S. S., Wm. L. Roberts; L. S.
S., Arthur Bosworth; I. G., Appleton
Hodge; Chap., A. Packard; R. S. V. G.,
Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr.; L. S. V. G.,
George B. Stanley. An oyster supper
was served at the close of the even-
ing.

Mrs. Oscar Turned, who has been
recuperating at the home of Dr. and
Mrs. C. H. Gibbs of Livermore Falls,
since her dismissal from the hospital
about four weeks ago, returned to her
home last Saturday.

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run it till it sto ped?
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clean and oil it?

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an engine and performs twice
the work.

RENDALL THE JEWELER
Thinks yours needs cleaning.

NORTH RUMFORD.

On New Years day Mr. and Mrs.
Lowell Elliott gave a dinner in
honor of Mr. Elliott's cousins. Those
present were Charles Andrews and
wife, Lewis Akers and wife of An-
over, Walter Howe and wife of Rox-
bury, Amos Elliott and wife, Sidney
Howe and wife, Albert Silver and
wife, O. T. Silver, Misses Annie Howe
and Lydia Elliott of Rumford. Regret-
tably were expressed that Mrs. Alice Love-
joy of Roxbury, Mr. George Howe of
West Paris and Mrs. Olive Wing of
Malden, Mass., were not of the party,
as they would make the party of
cousins complete.

We read an account of Miss Bertha
Caldwell's wedding. Our best wishes go
with her.

E. F. Howe is working for Newell
Godwin in the woods.

NORTH BETHEL.

On Thursday, Jan. 3rd, Bear River
Grange held an all day session. There
was a large attendance of members
with visitors from three other granges.
The forenoon was occupied with instal-
lation of officers. The installing officer
was Mr. Owen Smith of Swift River.
Grange, assisted by Brother Albert
Bailey and Sister Carrie Wright. Inter-
mission followed with the usual ban-
quets and delicious grange dishes.

Then all were ready to enjoy the ex-
tertainment, which was as follows: Or-
gan solo by Mrs. Etta Bank, duet by
Mr. Sumner Davis and son on harp and
organ, song and declamation by Mr.
Owen Smith, and a humorous discus-
sion on woman, entitled, "A Drama!"
was given by Mr. Corydon Pownall.

Arrostook and highly enjoyed. New
Year's resolutions were adopted, and
member pledging himself to his utmost
ability to fulfill the same. The officers
elected are as follows: Master, Dennis
Kilgore; Overseer, Mrs. Amos Foster;
Lecturer, John Allen; Secretary, A. J.
Powers; Treasurer, Carl W. Godley;
Chaplain, John C. Saunders; Stew-
ard, Eli Stearns; Assistant Steward, Irving
Davis; Gate Keeper, Sumner Davis;
Pomona, Mrs. Dennis Kilgore; Fin.
Mrs. John Allen; Corer, Mrs. A. J.
Powers; Lady Assistant Steward, Ger-
trude Bailey; Organist, Mrs. Amos
Foster; Librarian, Gertrude Bailey.

WEST BETHEL.

T. W. Leighton is away this winter
working with his team.

W. H. Morrow is very busy at the
taxidermist room. He is getting lots
of work in his business.

Dorothy Morrill has gone to Lew-
iston hospital to be operated on for ap-
pendicitis.

Mrs. F. E. Lary, who has been in
Wildwood for several weeks, has re-
turned home.

Howard Tyler, who has been at the
hospital in Lewiston, is reported as get-
ting along finely.

NEWRY.

Miss Mattie Littlehale has gone to
Portland to work.

Miss Rena Eames is still on the sick
list.

A. B. Frost is working in the mill.
Mrs. W. F. Bisbee and Mrs. N. V.
Frost are among the sick ones.

Miss Esther Frost is at work in
Mrs. W. F. Bisbee.

Mrs. Charles Moore from North
Bethel called at A. H. Powers' last
Sunday.

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THE MAN ON THE BOX

By HAROLD MacGRATH.

"With the greatest pleasure, Mademoiselle," replied the count. "And play, if you so desire; our business is such that your music will be as a pleasure added."

Her father nodded; but he could not force another smile to his lips. The brass rings of the portiere rattled, and she was gone. But she left behind a peculiar tableau, a tableau such as is formed by those who stand upon ice which is about to sink and engulf them.

The two men stood perfectly still. I doubt not that each experienced the same sensation, that the same thought occurred to each mind, though it came from different avenues: love and shame. The heart of the little clock on the mantel beat tick-tock, tick-tock; a log crackled and beat between the iron spars; one of the long windows giving out upon the veranda creaked mysteriously.

Karloff was first to break the spell. He made a gesture which was eloquent of his distaste of the situation.

"Let us terminate this as quickly as possible," he said.

"Yes, let us have done with it before I lose my courage," replied the colonel, his voice thin and quivering. He wiped his forehead with his handkerchief. His hand shone white and his nails dark blue.

The count stepped over to the table, reached into the inner pocket of his coat, and extracted a packet. In this packet was the enormous sum of \$180,000 in notes of \$1,000 denomination; that is to say, 180 slips of paper redeemable in gold by the government which had issued them. On top of this packet lay the colonel's note for \$20,000. (It is true that Karloff never accepted money from his government in payment for his services; but it is equally true that for every penny he laid out he was reimbursed by Russia.)

Karloff placed the packet on the table, first taking off the note, which he carelessly tossed beside the banknotes.

"You will observe that I have not bothered with having your note discounted. I have fulfilled my part of the bargain; fulfill yours." The count thrust his trembling hands into his trousers pockets. He desired to hide this embarrassing sign from his accomplice. Annesley went to a small safe which stood at the left of the fireplace and returned with a packet somewhat bulkier than the count's. He dropped it beside the money, shudderingly, as though he had touched a poisonous viper.

"My honor," he said simply, "I had never expected to sell it so cheap."

There was a pause, during which neither man's gaze swerved from the other. There was not the slightest, not even the remotest, fear of treachery; each man knew with whom he was dealing; yet there they stood, as if fascinated. One would have thought that the colonel would have counted his money, or Karloff his plans; they did neither. Perhaps the colonel wanted Karloff to touch the plans first, before he touched the money; perhaps Karloff had the same desire, only the other way around.

The colonel spoke. "I believe that is all," he said quietly. The knowledge that the deed was done and that there was no retreat gave back to him a particle of his former coolness and strength of mind. It had been the thought of committing the crime that had unnerved him. Now that his bridges were burned, a strange, unnatural calm settled over him.

The count evidently was not done. He moistened his lips. There was a dryness in his throat. "It is not too late," he said; "I have not yet touched them."

"We shall not indulge in moralizing, if you please," interrupted the colonel, with savage irony. "The moment for that has gone by."

"Very well," Karloff's shoulders settled; his jaws became aggressively regular; some spirit of his predatory forbears touched his face here and there, hardening it. "I wish to speak in regard to your daughter."

"Enough! Take my honor and be gone!" The colonel's voice was loud and rasping.

Karloff rested his hands on the table and inclined his body toward the colonel. "Listen to me," he began. "There is in every man the making and the capacity of a great rascal. Time and opportunity alone are needed—and a motive. The other night I told you that I could not give up your daughter. Well, I have not given her up. She must be my wife."

"Must?" The colonel clenched his hands.

"Must. To-night I am going to prove myself a great rascal—with a great motive. What is Russia to me? Nothing. What is your dishonor or my own? Less than nothing. There is only one thing, and that is my love for your daughter." He struck the table and the flame of the student-lamp rose violently. "She must be mine, mine! I have tried to win her as an honorable man tries to win the woman he loves; now she must be won by an act of rascality. Heaven nor hell shall force me to give her up. Yes, I love her; and I lower myself to your level to gain her." "To my level? Take care, I am still a man with a man's strength," cried the colonel.

Karloff swept his hands across his forehead. "I have led to myself long enough, and to you. I can see now that I have been working solely toward one end. My country is not to be considered, neither is yours. Do you realize that you stand wholly and completely in my power?" He ran his tongue across his lips, which burned with fever.

"What do you mean?"—hoarsely. "I mean that your daughter must become my wife, or I shall notify your government that you have attempted to betray it."

"You dishonorable wretch!" The colonel balled his fists and protruded his nether lip. Only the table stood between them.

"That term or another, it does not matter. The fact remains that you have sold to me the fortification plans of your country; and though it be in times of peace, you are none the less guilty and culpable. Your daughter shall be my wife."

"I had rather strangle her with these hands!"—passionately.

"Well, why should I not have her for my wife? Who loves her more than I? I am rich; from hour to hour, from day to day, what shall I not plan to make her happy? I love her with all the fire and violence of my race and blood. I can not help it. I will not, can not live without her! Good God, yes! I recognize the villainy of my action. But I am mad to-night."

"So I perceive." The colonel gazed wildly about the walls for a weapon. There was not even the usual ornamental dagger.

A window again stirred mysteriously. A few drops of rain splashed on the glass and zigzagged down to the sash.

"Sooner or later your daughter must know. Request her presence. It rests with her, not with you, as to what course I must follow." Karloff was extraordinarily pale, and his dark eyes reflecting the dancing flames, sparkled like rubies.

He saw the birth of horror in the elder's eyes, saw it grow and grow. He saw the colonel's lips move spasmodically, but utter no sound. What was it he saw over his (the count's) shoulders and beyond? Instinctively he turned, and what he saw chilled the heat of his blood.

There stood the girl, her white dress marble-white against the dark wine of the portiere, an edge of which one hand clutched convulsively. Was it Medusa's beauty or her magic that turned men into stone? My recollection is at fault. At any rate, so long as she remained motionless, neither man had the power to stir. She held herself perfectly erect; every fiber in her young body was tense. Her beauty became weirdly powerful, masked as it was with horror, doubt, shame, and reproach. She had heard; little or much was of no consequence. In the heat of their variant passions, the men's voices had risen to a pitch that penetrated beyond the room.

Karloff was the first to recover, and he took an involuntary step toward her; but she waved him back disdainfully.

"Do not come near me. I loathe you!" The voice was low, but every note was strained and unmusical.

He winced. His face could not have stung or burned more hotly had she struck him with her hand.

"Mademoiselle!"

She ignored him. "Father, what does this mean?"

"Agony!" The colonel fell back into his chair, pressing his hands over his eyes.

"I will tell you what it means!" cried Karloff, a rage possessing him. He had made a mistake. He had misjudged both the father and the child. He could force her into his arms, but he would always carry a burden of hate. "It means that this night you stand in the presence of a dishonored parent, a man who has squandered your inheritance over gambling tables, and who, to recover these misused sums, has sold to me the principal fortification plans of his country. That is what it means, Mademoiselle."

She grasped the portiere for support. "Father, is this thing true?" Her voice fell to a terror-stricken whisper.

"Oh, it is true enough," said Karloff. "God knows that it is true enough. But it rests with you to save him. Become my wife, and yonder fire shall swallow his dishonor—and mine. Refuse, and I shall expose him. After all, love is a primitive state, and with it we go back to the beginning; before it honor or dishonor is nothing. To-night there is nothing, nothing in the world save my love for you, and the chance that has given me the power to force you to be mine. What a fury and a tempest love produces! It makes an honorable man of the knave, a rascal of the man of honor; it has toppled thrones, destroyed nations, obliterated races. . . . Well, I have become a rascal. Mademoiselle, you must become my wife." He lifted his hands—some head resolutely.

Without giving him so much as a glance, she swept past him and sank on her knees at her father's side, taking his hands by the wrists and pressing them down from his face.

"Father, tell him he lies. Tell him he lies!" Ah, the entreaty, the love, the anxiety, the terror that blended her tones!

He strove to look away.

"Father, you are all I have," she cried brokenly. "Look at me! Look at me and tell him that he lies! . . . You will not look at me? God have mercy on me, it is true then!" She rose, and spread her arms toward heaven to entreat God to witness her despair. "I did not think or know that such base things were done. . . . That these loving hands should have helped to encompas my father's dishonor, his degradation! . . . For money! What is money? You knew, father,

that what was mine was likewise yours. Why did you not tell me? I should have laughed; we should have begun all over again; I could have earned a living with my music; we should have been honest and happy. And now! . . . And I drew those plans with a heart full of love and happiness. Oh, it is not that you gambled, that you have foolishly wasted a fortune; it is not these that hurt here,"—pressing her heart. "It is the knowledge that you, my father, should let me draw those horrible things. It hurts! Ah, how it hurts!" A sob choked her. She knelt again at her parent's side and flung her arms around the unhappy, writhing man. "Father, you have committed a crime to shield a foolish act. I know, I know! What you have done you did for my sake, to give me back what you thought was my own. Oh, how well I know that you had no thought of yourself; it was all for me, and I thank God for that. But something has died here, something here in my heart. I have been so happy! . . . too happy! My poor father!" She laid her head against his breast.

"My heart is broken! Would to God that I might die!" Annesley threw one arm across the back of the chair and turned his face to his sleeve. Karloff, a thousand arrows of regret and shame and pity quivering in his heart, viewed the scene moodily, doggedly. No, he could not go back; there was indeed a wall behind him; pride. "Well, Mademoiselle?"

She turned, still on her knees.

"You say that if I do not marry you, you will ruin my father, expose him?"

"Yes,"—thinly.

"Listen. I am a proud woman, yet will I beg you not to do this horrible thing—force me into your arms. Take everything, take all that is left; you can not be so utterly base as to threaten such a wrong. See!"—extending her lovely arms, "I am on my knees to you!"

"My daughter!" cried the father. "Do not interrupt me, father; he will relent; he is not wholly without pity."

"No, no! No, no!" Karloff exclaimed, turning his head aside and repelling with his hands, as if he would stamp out the fires of pity which, at the sound of her voice, had burst anew in his heart. "I will not give you up!"

She drew her sleeves across her eyes and stood up. All at once she wheeled upon him like a lioness protecting its young. In her wrath she was as magnificent as the wife of Aeneas at the funeral pyre of that great captain.

"She knew! That was why she asked me all these questions; that is why she exacted those promises! Mrs. Chadwick knew and dared not tell me! And I trusted you as a friend, as a gentleman, as a man of honor!" Her laughter rang out wildly. "And for these favors you bring dishonor! Shame! Shame! Your wife? Have you thought well of what you are about to do?"

"So well," he declared, "that I shall proceed to the end, to the very end." How beautiful she was! And a mad desire urged him to spring to her, crush her in his arms, and force upon her lips a thousand mad kisses!

"Have you weighed well the consequences?"

"Upon love's most delicate scales."

"Have you calculated what manner of woman I am?"—with subdued fierceness.

"To me you are the woman of all women."

"Do you think that I am a faint-hearted girl? You are making a mistake. I am a woman with a woman's mind, and a thousand years would not alter my utter contempt of you. Force me to marry you, and as there is a God above us to witness, every

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BETHEL.

Gale Carter is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. Fred P. Chandler of South Paris spent Sunday in Bethel.

The lay pressers have been pressing hay for Mr. A. F. Copeland.

Miss Elsie Davis is acting as organist at the M. E. church.

Miss Miriam Herriek returned to Cambridge Tuesday morning.

Miss Mabel Glendon is attending the Shaw Business College at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Byrd moved from Bethel to Gorham, N. H., last week.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. Gehring on Friday, January 11th.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell Thursday afternoon.

Mr. M. A. Brigham of the Rumford Citizen was in Bethel last Saturday.

Mr. T. G. Lary of Gilead was in town last Thursday and called at the News Office.

Mrs. Seth Walker, who has been visiting friends in Portland, returned home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Clifford L. Merrill has fully recovered from her recent illness and is able to be out of doors again.

Miss Helen Bisbee, instructor of elocution in Parsonsfield Seminary, returned to North Parsonsfield, Saturday.

Mrs. O. M. Mason has been spending a week at home but will return to Vernon, Vt., to care for her father who is still feeble.

Mr. E. C. Bowler was called to Palermo last Saturday on account of the sudden illness of his father, whom he found less serious than he had feared, and a speedy recovery is hoped for.

Miss Rita Twitchell, who has been spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Ada Wight, returned to Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Saturday.

Misses Mason and Boothby start for California Wednesday morning for an extended trip and they will carry the wishes for a pleasant journey from a host of friends.

Mrs. Tuell and Mrs. Davis of West Paris were in town Monday to install the officers of Sunset Rebekah Lodge. They were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lovejoy while in town.

Brown Post and Relief Corps will have joint installation of their officers on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9th. Mrs. Sara F. Putnam will install the officers of the Corps assisted by Mrs. Coburn as conductor and Miss Nellie Coburn, musician. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock to the members of the Post and Corps and their families.

Adoles will meet for rehearsal at 4 o'clock Wednesday p. m.

MAIL SERVICE.

Two Important Matters Considered by Assistant P. G. Hitchcock.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Two subjects of general importance are treated at length in the annual report of Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general, which was made public today. They are the proposition for the increase of the salaries of clerks in post offices and the proposed abandonment of the "back stamp" on letters and postal cards.

The report shows that at the close of the fiscal year 1906, post offices were in operation and that the total number of employees not including postmasters and assistant postmasters was nearly 150,000. The total personnel of post offices of all classes aggregated 205,288.

The gain in revenue from the post offices during the year—about \$15,000,000—was unexpectedly large. So great is this gain, Mr. Hitchcock points out, that the additional appropriations requested of Congress scarcely will be sufficient to maintain the service.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Guy Gardiner of Dixfield was in town Tuesday.

Dr. Hutchins was in Portland on business this week.

Mrs. Ralph Woodsum visited friends in West Port Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Brown visited relatives in Lewiston this week.

Mrs. B. W. Blackman has been ill several days this week.

H. C. Dunton has been under the doctor's care for some time.

Mrs. Milford W. Sanders was in Lewiston shopping last Saturday.

St. Margaret's Guild met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. H. Shook.

The Rumford Falls evening school opened Monday evening and 35 scholars were enrolled.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Francis on Crescent Avenue Jan. 8th.

Miss Etta Holman of Dixfield was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles E. Fernald the first of the week.

A little daughter has recently arrived to gladden the home of James H. Kerr, the well known contractor.

Miss Alice Mayville and Mr. Cormier were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Ladame Monday evening, Jan. 7th.

Elvin H. Gleason spent several days at home last week, and went to Portland Tuesday before returning to Augusta.

The attention of our readers is called to the fee table adopted by the doctors of Rumford Falls and Mexico as given in another column.

W. E. Moore, who has been acting as field agent for the CITIZEN, was confined to the house with a severe cold Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Waldo Linnell and two children started for New York Jan. 4th, where they will join Mr. Linnell, who has been employed there for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe spent Friday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moore, and went Saturday to Waltham, Mass., to spend a week with relatives before going to their new home in Wilder, Vt., where Mr. Rowe has secured a position with contractor Cummings.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met Thursday afternoon in the vestry to perfect the arrangements for the Easter sale which they are to give. Committees for the sale were also appointed. The presidents for the month of January are Mrs. F. E. Goding and Mrs. R. M. Woodsum.

The week of prayer is being observed in the Methodist and Baptist church this week. The meeting on Monday night was led by Rev. T. L. Frost, that of Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Hannaford. Rev. G. A. Martin will conduct the meeting Thursday evening and Rev. T. L. Frost on Friday night.

While coasting by moonlight one evening recently, Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of High street, was seriously injured on the head by colliding with a double runner loaded with young people. We hope nothing more serious than this will happen, for this neighborhood contains some dangerous and much frequented coasting places.

The Choral Union held a rehearsal Monday evening and the attendance was good, and considerable progress was made with the new music. A communication from Prof. Chapman was read and the members were delighted to hear that Mr. Chapman is to visit the chorus this month, and of course that means that every member is expected to attend the rehearsals so that the chorus may merit some commendation from Prof. Chapman.

Prof. Caldwell, the eminent New York specialist, has opened a branch office under his personal supervision in the parlor over Miss G. J. Hall's millinery store at Rumford Falls. His public X-Ray demonstration and healing has stamped him one of the great specialists in the country, and those who know of his presence will do well to consult him. We witnessed a demonstration in the professor's office, and were very favorably impressed with the utility of his treatment. We experienced a refreshing sleep the night of a demonstration, treatment, and feel free to recommend Electro-Magnetic treatment.

Mrs. John Neal has been ill for several days.

W. I. White was in Dixfield on business Monday.

Mrs. H. L. Steinfeld is expected home the last of the week from a pleasure trip to Portland and Berlin.

Arthur F. Cushman dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Woodsum last Sunday.

Arthur Kendall has been out of school this week on account of sickness.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church met at the church parlors Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jessie Barker and Mrs. Henry will spend the last of the week in Lewiston.

Miss Desrosier and Mr. Clement were married Monday morning, Jan. 7th by Rev. Fr. Ladame.

George Kidder, who has been ill for some time with pneumonia, is convalescing rapidly.

Mrs. Mary Bisbee Jesslyn of Portland is the guest of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. George D. Bisbee.

Rev. A. S. Bisbee left for his home in South Portland Monday, where he will stay for several weeks.

Charles W. Christensen and Madelon Maria Gregson were married last evening at St. Barnabas church, Rev. Mr. McKay, officiating.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford preached in the Methodist church at Andover last Sunday morning and in the Congregational church in the evening. Mr. Hannaford first preached in Andover in 1874, nearly 33 years ago.

Dr. F. F. Bartlett returned Saturday from Boston and one of his purchases while in the city, was a pair of snowshoes for his little daughter, Marie, and a pair for himself. We expect the doctor will soon be an enthusiast on the subject of snow shoeing.

Miss Cora Howe of Dixfield has formed a class in Physical Culture, and will meet with the class each Thursday evening in Gony Hall. A meeting was held at the home of her brother, Elliott W. Howe, last Friday night and a number of ladies are to begin the course under the direction of Miss Howe, Thursday night of this week.

Tuesday, Jan. 15th, a concert under the auspices of St. Athanasius church will be given in Cheney Opera House. The artists who will take part in the concert are Frank Holding, who has lately returned from abroad and who needs no introduction to a Rumford Falls audience; the Lotus Quartette, with Miss Holding as soprano soloist, and an entertainer will also assist.

There will be special meetings in the vestry of the churches of Rumford Falls and Dixfield commencing at Dixfield Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th, and holding two evenings, the 15th and 17th at Rumford Falls. Rev. Hervey H. Hoyt, Superintendent of Universalist churches in Maine, will be the speaker. Mr. Hoyt is a very able speaker and his series of meetings the past month in Norway, South Paris and elsewhere are highly spoken of.

The Searchlight Club was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. E. W. Webber. The leader was Mrs. Morse. The program was as follows: Roll call, noted names of the French Renaissance; Talks, The invention of printing, Mrs. Ray; Paper, The renaissance of painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, by Mrs. E. W. Webber; Oral sketches, Rosard, Mrs. Lewis; Rabelais, Miss Coburn; Amyot, Mrs. Raullett; Bodin, Mrs. Bisbee; Montaigne, Mrs. Howe.

The Ladies of St. Margaret's Guild are planning on presenting "The Mother Goose Masquerade," in Cheney Opera House Thursday evening, Jan. 31st. A large number of the local singers are to take part in the entertainment and it promises to be one of the most enjoyable musical attractions of the season. The operetta is in charge of Mesdames Raynes, Neal, Raullett and Mrs. Ralph Lewis of Marston, who is to remain in town and assist in the production of this entertainment.

Several of the barbers employed in a shop not far from Hotel Rumford, went on a fishing expedition—some say it was Sunday, and as the shop was closed that day, it is probable that there is truth in the story. They fished through the ice—we did not learn where—and so far as fish is concerned, well those who do not believe in fishing through the ice—on Sunday—will be glad to learn that they caught nothing—but colds. At least that is the way it was told the writer by one of the victims, between sneezes, coughs and wheezes, while a Sunday growth of beard was being scraped off his face Monday.

OUR SPECIAL SALE

Of Odds and Ends opened up very lively last Thursday and has been steadily increasing for the very simple fact that when we advertise a **Special Sale** we offer something in **Special Bargains**. Our Customers are aware of this fact. That explains and accounts for our success with our **Annual Clearance Sale**. We still have exceptionally good bargains left in **Remnants, Skirts, Cloaks, Suits, Waists, Sweaters, Hosiery and Underwear**. This is the last week of the sale so don't lose this opportunity.

MORRIS MARX

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Outfitters,

Congress Street,

Rumford Falls, Maine.

Miss Ella Ames has been sick during the past two weeks.

John Houghton of Houghton was in town on business Monday.

Mrs. Sears returned Friday from a visit to her sisters in Boston.

Miss Jackson of Woodfords is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Lincoln.

Randolph Gates returned last week from a trip to New York and Boston.

Mrs. Samuel LaBarge of Strathglass Park has been ill during the past week.

W. J. McFarlane left Monday morning for New York on a business trip.

Florence Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, is ill with diphtheria.

Jacob Israelson of Livermore Falls visited his sister, Mrs. Harry Marx, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Coburn of Bethel spent Sunday with Mrs. Tim Bennett.

Mrs. F. O. Walker is spending the week in Lewiston, the guest of Mrs. Parkhurst.

Miss Irene Hall of Damariscotta is visiting her aunts, the Misses Alice and Clara Hall.

Mrs. Ralph Curtis has accepted a position as compositor with the Rumford Publishing Co.

Miss Jennie Brown of West Paris was the guest of her brother, Edward H. Brown last week.

A. R. Manderson of Concord, N. H., has been engaged as master mechanic for the P. & R. E. Ry.

Mr. and Mrs. True A. Durkee of Otisfield are to make their home at Rumford Falls very soon.

Mrs. F. E. Wheat has returned from the sanatorium at Hebron and is recovering her health rapidly.

Harry Carroll started Thursday morning for Brooklyn, where he will attend the Brown Commercial College.

Mrs. Fred B. Carroll of Franklin street entertained the W. C. T. U. Thursday afternoon of last week.

Miss Evelyn Melcher, who has been spending several weeks at home, returned to Bates College Monday.

Kid Pantz of Boston and Joe Laviole of Quebec, lightweights, will box in McMenamin Hall Friday evening, Jan. 11th.

Mrs. J. H. McKeeman returned last Thursday from a trip to Washington, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Darby. Mrs. Darby is coming to Rumford Falls in June for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Smith of Carthage are spending several months in New York, where Mrs. Smith will pursue her vocal studies under the noted teacher, Dudley Buck, Jr.

Miss Eva Osgood visited Miss Geneva Hutchins of Mechanic Falls, last week and with Miss Hutchins attended the Viola Allen performance at the Empire Theatre in Lewiston Thursday night.

Captain Barker of Bemis is quite ill with pneumonia, and was attended by Dr. A. L. Stanwood Sunday. On the doctor's return Monday morning he reported Mr. Barker as being quite comfortable.

Sidney and Ray Vaughan have been stringing a private telephone wire.

Robert Halton has rented a farm in South Andover and will make his home there for the next three years.

E. C. Bowler, publisher of the CITIZEN and the Bethel News, was at Rumford Falls Friday.

Henry Caddy of Rockland will succeed John Dailey in the local American Express Co's. office upon Mr. Dailey's transfer to the office at Bangor.

The proprietor of the Aerie Lunch Room on Exchange street says he has no objection to our praising up the coffee, etc., but objects to our printing the name Aerie as we have been doing.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the vestry last Thursday afternoon and talked pretty much to the little wanderers' home in Boston.

J. M. Jordan of Oldtown had his shoulder broken by logs rolling onto him at Temple Spaulding's camp, on opposite side of the lake from Bemis. He was at Rumford Falls Tuesday for medical treatment.

Austin Carey, Professor of the School of Forestry at Harvard College, was in town last week with a party of seven students, en route for the lumber camps at Bemis, to take some practical lessons in forestry and look over the wood industry in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Croell, who have lately returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. True Gleason of Lewiston, will make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Elwin H. Gleason this winter.

January 22nd the P. & R. E. Ry. Co. will run a special train to Lewiston and return after the theatre. The Lion and the Mouse is the great attraction at the Empire Theatre. There are many planning to go. The fare for the round trip is \$1.25.

The Searchlight Club was entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. E. S. Kennard. The leader of the meeting was Mrs. Raullett. The program for the afternoon consisted of the roll call, answered by characteristics of the French people, the review of different periods of French history, and the reading of the last chapter of the history, taking up the Dreyfus affair and other late incidents of French history.

The Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit from Boston will be on exhibition at the Chisholm school during the last week of January. The exhibit includes about 200 representatives of the most famous paintings of ancient and modern times, many of them in the exact colors of the originals. The exhibit occupies nearly 1400 square feet of space and the Boston Transcript says that it is the finest collection ever gathered together. It will be a treat to the art-loving public and merits a good patronage.

The retiring president, Mrs. E. H. Atwood, and the vice-presidents, Mesdames Fred Kendall and C. E. Howe, of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Universalist church served a luncheon in the church parlors last Wednesday afternoon. The menu included salads, hot rolls, cake and coffee. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. John McKenzie; Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Bisbee; Treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Webber; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Brown.

BOWLING ALL THE GO AT RUMFORD FALLS ALLEY.

All over the state this winter bowling has become the fashionable recreation as well as the favorite game with all who enjoy clean wholesome sport. Rumford Falls is no exception to the rule, unless it is in the fact that the bowling alley here is better than many, and superior in the style of its management and the quality of its patrons. There are two clubs devoted to the sport that engage the exclusive use of the alley certain nights each week. One of these clubs is composed of married couples, and the other of young unmarried couples. Many of the women have become quite expert bowlers and make very creditable scores.

The game is one of skill in a large measure, but seemingly luck plays part enough so that the inexperienced players sometimes win from the crack bowlers. The weekly roll off is a feature of great interest. During the week the names and scores of those who succeed in qualifying for the event are written upon the great blackboard, and every roller takes pride in seeing his name in the list, whether he participates in the roll off or not.

There is a billiard hall up stairs in charge of Mr. Howes of Livermore Falls, who has recently been engaged for that position. Messrs. Kerr and Douglass are to be congratulated because of the high plain upon which the business is conducted. Mr. John B. Douglass is personally in charge of the bowling and unites a good business manner, with a genial disposition that makes him well appreciated. He is assisted by his brother, George D. Douglass, who is one of the most agreeable and well informed men at the Falls. The alley has recently been equipped with new balls and pins.

S. S. OFFICERS 1907.

The Universalist Sunday school last Sunday elected the following officers for the current year: Superintendent, Edward H. Brown; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. E. W. Webber; Secretary and Treasurer, Beulah Douglass; Organist, Norma Gates.

RUMFORD GRANGE.

The Rumford Grange met at Rumford Center Saturday night and had a public installation of officers and entertainment. A large number participated. The following officers were installed: Henry French, Master; Edward Farnum, Overseer; Miss Nell Burgess, Lecturer; Mrs. Jennie Swan, Chaplain; Alfred Albert, Steward; Mark Burgess, Asst. Steward; Miss Marian Kimball, Lady Asst. Steward; Ira Woods, Gate Keeper; G. T. Thompson, Treasurer; Mrs. Henry French, Pomona; Miss Wynnefred Howe, Corn; Mrs. Carrie Morse, Flora.

MRS. OSGOOD EATON.

Death of Oldest Native of Rumford. Saturday, Jan. 5th, Mrs. Osgood Eaton, the oldest native person in Rumford, passed away. She was born in Rumford in 1816, and at the time of her death was 90 years, 5 months and 15 days old. The deceased was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Putnam. In 1842 she married Osgood Eaton, with whom she lived until his death in 1890. She was the wife of this county in the Civil War. Three other sons were born, two dying in infancy or childhood, and the fourth, Cyrus Eaton, is a resident of Rumford Falls. Mrs. Eaton had been for 70 years a member of the Methodist church, and was a woman of excellent character and although having lived far beyond the allotted span of life, her demise mourned by her neighbors and relatives with deep feelings of sorrow. The funeral occurred at her home on Franklin street, and was conducted by Rev. G. B. Hannaford of the Rev. G. A. Martin of the Methodist church. The remains were interred at East Rumford cemetery.

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CITIZEN OF RUMFORD
DOUBTS THE UTILITY OF
AN ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

A citizen of this town, who is known to quite a number of people, recently had several experiences while on a trip from Boston to Lewiston, that has somewhat shaken his belief in electric railroads. While quite slightly at times, he has had no special experience with electric cars, and as for that matter, the most he knows, or did know, were recent experiences, about electric cars, was what he had read in the CITIZEN about the electric road that is to be between Rumford Falls and Bethel, and as he never had been able to walk the distance in much less than three hours, the statement that the road would go across in one hour, has created the impression in his mind that electric cars were flying machines. At least one would so infer from the surprise he exhibited when, in answer to a pompous put question, when the electric cars leaving Bethel at 5:30 p. m. would get to Lewiston, he was told 9 o'clock. The fact that he was told this, and that he had read in the CITIZEN of profound disgust, "Three or four hours, well I guess there are a few wings on these cars," and the conductor sarcastically replied, "What do you expect—think you are going to Lewiston on a streak of chain lightning?"

The Rumford friend did not reply to the conductor's remark, but while talking with the man in the rear seat, he said the possibility of the cars going the rail, the trolley pole slipped off the wire, and the man from Rumford fell and made a start for the door, thinking to himself that he was good enough to die, although he is an orthodox and a Republican when it comes to the matter of the car. He is also an amateur ventriloquist of considerable ability.

When he reached the exit, the pole was cut and the car resumed its way. The citizen from the Falls then questioned the conductor about how many cars per week the car got off the track. The reply was, "Not more than three times, and as we have been off for two days, we are due to go off tonight." At this time the conductor yelled, "Get out of the car, you are a nuisance." Our friend still thinking that electric cars were flying machines, seized his grip and started to get out, saying to the conductor, "We will be here quicker than I expect." "This ain't Lewiston," said the disgusted conductor. At this point 35 persons got aboard. The man from the paper city was favored by being obliged to share his seat with a man. Shortly after the car started, things were quiet, the passenger was surprised to hear the motor at this repeated. Our serious passenger grew red in the face, and he commanded the mythical cat to get out of the car, giving him a push with his foot. The man in the seat looked fiercely at him and asked how long the cat had been in the bag. "Madam," said our friend, "I have not opened the bag since I left Boston this morning." "Now," said the woman, "Why don't you get the cat out?" asked the man. "I would not touch the cat here, to escape and run in the woods," observed our friend. Just then the car stopped in Freeport, and nearly all passengers alighted. After the car was resumed, the conductor told our friend and suggested that he be safe to let the cat out for the rest of the way to Brunswick. The man from the Falls and fellow townsfolk, which was done, and then he got out of the bag, and much to the surprise of the conductor, no cat jumped out.

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The car finally reached Brunswick, where our traveler and the other passengers felt much relieved. There was a lunch, over paid for, which then came a dispute between him and the waiter. The man gave up the argument, when a man from where he did not know, came and saw him before he came.

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in. Nevertheless the waiter received his just due, and a tip into the bargain, but as the tip was only regarding the nature of the strange voice, he was none the richer, if a little wiser.

After getting aboard the car for a mile or two, but when near Lewiston, the car stopped, and after waiting some time and the car showing no signs of moving, our impatient traveler alighted and asked the conductor what the matter was. "A hot box," was the reply. "I guess that's the first one you ever had on this line," said the man from Rumford. "What makes you think that?" asked the car man. "Well," said our friend, "I don't think the cars run fast enough to heat their boxes." Very soon after a voice from out of space said, "Conductor, you will probably get to Lewiston in time to connect with the noon train tomorrow for Rumford Falls." The conductor, who was wise to the mysterious voice, replied, "Now old man, just you keep quiet; go in and sit down and we will get you to Lewiston all right." Our abashedly joking took the advice and subsided. He was finally landed in Lewiston at 10:30 p. m., pretty well disgusted with traveling by electric cars.

As soon as he reached Rumford Falls, he sought the CITIZEN office, and made an earnest plea for steam railroads, and gave it as his opinion that it will take an electric car as long to get to Bethel from Rumford Falls, as it will take to build the road. It is his opinion that electric railways are failures. He desires the CITIZEN to advocate a steam road instead of an electric line.

FIRE AT VIRGINIA.

Fire Alarm Did Not Work.

A small house belonging to Quincy Coolidge was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening about six o'clock. An attempt was made to ring in an alarm from box twenty-one, but the apparatus failed to work. A snow-bell brigade was formed by the neighbors who arrived on the scene, which resulted in saving the stable, though the house and contents were entirely destroyed.

EAST DIXFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Fletcher called on her sister and brother, Susie and Leander Blanchard, recently. Orville Walton of Peru was in town calling on friends, and his cousin, G. M. Walton, Tuesday.

Edith B. Lowell passed through the village Tuesday with a crew of men enroute for Walton and Lowell's camp. Mrs. W. E. Smith is home from Mr. J. H. Merritt's, where she has been assisting in caring for Mrs. Merritt, who died recently.

The Mystic Valley Grange Dramatic Club played at Wilton Town Hall, the drama played at East Dixfield, "The Stolen Will," to a large audience last Friday night.

SOUTH PARIS.

Herbert Fletcher was in Portland Tuesday.

Graydon Martin, who is attending a Catholic school in Lewiston, spent Christmas here and returned last Wednesday.

Myron W. Maxim has moved his business into his new store in Maxim block. He now has plenty of room for his rapidly increasing business.

Mrs. Frank Pike has resumed her duties in Tolman's insurance office. Mrs. Albert D. Park is recovering from a gripe.

John Emery's hand which was bitten by a cross dog, is better. Next Tuesday the first Universalist parish give a parish supper in connection with their annual meeting, to which all members of the parish and all who contribute to or attend this church, are invited. The supper is free to such and it is hoped many will come as a general good time is expected.

Carrie Hall visited Ruth Tucker at West Paris recently.

Mabel O. Hathaway, a teacher of Rockport, Mass., who spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hathaway, has returned to her work.

The European club met Monday with Mrs. Ethel Noyes on Gothic street. Arthur R. Stowell and Herbert Russell of Locke's Mills were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. George A. Chapman visited her

son and daughter in Bethel last week. Miss Grace M. Stuart, who teaches a kindergarten school in Marblehead, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stuart.

Gospel meetings will begin at the Congregational church Jan. 13th. Rev. A. K. Baldwin, pastor of the church, will be assisted by Rev. William Ross of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Maxim recently visited their son, Harry C. Maxim in Portland.

Walter Gray has been in Augusta a few days.

Mrs. R. L. Cummings has returned from North Norway and is caring for Mrs. Frank Nottage.

Hattie Bray has finished work as table girl at Hotel Andrews and expects to go to Lewiston.

Henry Kerr and son, Robert, are working in Gilead. Mr. Kerr is doing blacksmithing and Robert is driving team.

Harry Wheeler has returned to his school in Caribou after spending his vacation here.

Mrs. Miriam Polesier, who recently had a paralytic shock, remains about the same.

It is reported that Hon. George E. Mendenhall of Augusta has bought the water power on the Little Androscoggin at this place.

The Congregational church held their annual roll call Thursday evening.

The watch meeting at the Baptist church Monday evening was well attended and the services very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Allen of Bridgton were in town Wednesday.

Bert Cole is spending a few days at his home in Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Frank Witham, who is at King's Hospital is reported as doing well.

Mark Richardson, who underwent an operation on his neck recently, is reported as improving.

Dr. Stuart and wife spent the holidays at Lewiston.

E. B. Fogg lost a valuable horse by sickness recently.

The Good Cheer supper and entertainment on New Year's night was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

About 150 sat down to supper and were waited on by the young men and young ladies. The entertainment which followed the supper consisted of the farce, "Aunt Susan Jones," in which Mrs. J. F. McArdle as "Aunt Susan," and Leona B. Penley, Louis W. Clark and Ira L. McArdle took part, and two drills by the children. Mrs. Herman Wilson and Mrs. Irving Andrews had charge of the entertainment and Mrs. J. J. Merrill of the supper.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Rumford Falls schools opened Wednesday morning, Jan. 2nd, with a good attendance. The Isthmus, Franklin Annex and Thurston schools will be closed for the winter. Pupils in the Thurston district will attend school at Rumford Center. Probably there will be a spring and summer term at the Isthmus and Franklin Annex schools.

The new teachers in town for the winter term are Harriet M. Ellis of Bethel, Flora A. Boyd of Newport, who will teach the 5th and 6th grades in the Pettengill school respectively. Edith A. Davis will teach the school in Peru Annex and Margaret E. Denney the Smithville school. Mrs. Ellis is a graduate of Castine Normal School, Miss Boyd of the Maine Central Institute, and Miss Denney of the Gorham Normal school. Miss Grace I. Nichols has been transferred from the Thurston school to the Howe school. All are teachers of successful experience.

Rumford Falls evening school opened Monday, Jan. 6th. All who enrolled are expected to attend the entire session of the school. No new classes will be formed after the first week and no new pupils admitted who are not qualified to do the work of classes already formed. The school is in charge of Principal Hawthorne.

All of the Mexico schools opened last Wednesday morning as previously announced. The teachers and pupils of the Central division schools were agreeably surprised at the comparatively comfortable quarters temporarily provided. Through the very prompt attention given orders for text books by the different publishing houses nearly all the pupils are already well equipped.

The position left vacant by the resignation of Misses Varney and Hodson have been filled by Misses Harriet M. Penney and Edith E. Burbank. Miss Penney is a graduate of Castine Normal School and a classmate of Misses Payson and Matthews. Miss Burbank is a graduate of Gorham Normal school. Both come highly recommended by school officials under whose supervision they have taught. Mrs. Chaffee is a substitute teacher of the 3rd grade, which is located in the Selectmen's office.

Rev. A. G. Warner of the school committee was in town last week assisting in the equipment of temporary quarters for the Central division schools.

STATE NEWS.

Bar Harbor is much delighted at the prospect of her new electric road.

The recent fair given by the ladies of the Westbrook Congregational church netted \$400.

Bangor expects a new brick and granite business block of three stories to be built in the spring.

The Wisconsin, Waterville & Farmington railroad was re-organized last week at Augusta with \$300,000 capital.

The stained glass windows have been put in place in the Presque Isle Congregational church, and the building now has a finished appearance.

A strict quarantine has been established at various houses in Guilford village, where it is known that the inmates are suffering from small pox.

Mayor Plaisted of Augusta has plans for developing certain sections of the city. Several tracts of land he believes can be made more available for house lots and afford greater convenience to the general public.

One event of the legislative winter, which while not a part of the session itself, is always a notable feature, is the annual meeting of the Maine Press Association. The 44th annual meeting of the association will be held at the Capitol in the last week of January.

Thirteen carloads of boxboards have been shipped from Cutts Island during the month of December to Chelsea, Mass. In January, thirty carloads are to be sent from York to the same place by freight trains, which will run there for that purpose.

The new stone drinking fountain on Upper Water street, Augusta, will be set in commission within a few days. The foundation is practically ready for the fountain and but little remains to be done aside from setting the stone and connecting the pipe so that the water can be turned on.

The annual meeting of the Martha Washington Society of Portland was held Wednesday afternoon. This is a charitable organization and has distributed in the last year the following: Coal, \$303.21; provisions, \$43; clothing, 24.12; boots and rubbers, \$14.00; and \$303.46 in cash.

The librarian of the Gardiner public library has shipped a box containing 50 books to the chaplain of the state prison at Thomaston. These books were duplicate copies of fiction which the committee took from the shelves in order to make room for later new publications and which they presented to the state institution.

The smelting operations at Bayside, Surrey, Brooksville and other points in Hancock are suffering from lack of ice. In Union River the ice has almost entirely disappeared during the past few days, and the ten or dozen tents at Bayside have been moved. Those using rafts in the country continue to catch and are making well at it.

The two masted schooner, Alice T. Boardman of Calais, Me., with a cargo of lumber, went ashore on the Handkerchief Shoals last Friday and is a total wreck. One member of the crew was drowned, the others being rescued and brought ashore by Captain Kelley and crew of the Monomoy Point life saving station.

Shay & Rance of Old Town intend to build a small mill for the manufacture of paddles and canoes, and it is understood that the work of construction will begin as soon as a few minor details of business are completed. The mill will be furnished with electricity to run the machines and will on the whole be a model mill for the purpose for which it is to be used.

Rev. H. W. Norton of Dover has a pocket piece in the shape of a pine tree shilling bearing date of 1652. The coin was the property of his mother and has a singular history. A great many years ago while a farmer and his son were hauling cedar from a swamp near what is now Castine, one of the oxen slumped, and when he pulled his foot out the boy saw something shining on it which proved to be a coin. Digging revealed a few more pieces, but in the spring after the ground had thawed, they dug up coins of several nationalities to the value of \$800 and this piece was in the lot. It is supposed that the money was buried for safety during one of the several attacks on Castine by the French or English, and the owner never reclaimed it. A peculiarity of Mr. Norton's coin is the fact that Massachusetts is spelled Massachusetts. Although so old, the coin is well preserved.

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Herbert Tilden,
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It is seldom necessary to comment on facts, yet one cannot keep from expressing profound admiration for the skill that is raising so many poor sufferers from beds of sickness, and restoring them to health and vigor.

It hardly seems credible when you hear of remarkable cures being made by electricity and magnetic treatment. Yet such is the truth and the facts are these: That Prof. Caldwell, the "gifted" electro magnetic healer, is making just such wonderful cures. He uses no drugs, but his success is phenomenal.

The professor will not hold out false hopes to you, or accept your case at all if he cannot do you good. Go and have a friendly talk with him; you will feel better for it. Prof. Caldwell treats all forms of chronic diseases no matter how long standing.

There will be another Free Exhibition of the Wonderful Radium Violet and X-RAYS, also Electro-Magnetic method of Treatment next Monday night, Jan. 14, at 8 o'clock, at his office, 96 Congress street, over Miss C. J. Hall's Millinery store. A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially those troubled with any chronic diseases.

Professor Caldwell is one of the treatment. All male troubles, most successful specialists in all chronic and long standing diseases, Catarrh, Throat Troubles, Bronchitis, Consumption, Blood Disorders—Scrofula, all kinds of Tumors, diseases of the stomach and Digestive Tract. Those fearful nervous diseases of men and women—no matter from what cause arising—Paralysis, Headache, Prostration, Lame Back, Sciatica and Rheumatism, Diseases of the Heart, Liver and Kidneys and Bladder. WOMEN.

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NATURAL BEAUTY.

The Care of the Hands. Part I.

By M. Elizabeth Roberts.

Aristotle said, "The human hand is the instrument of instruments which enables man to make all others and apply them to the most powerful and also the most delicate efforts." The radical difference between the hand of man and of the monkey, lies in the thumb. In the human hand, the thumb has the "opposing power," which means that the thumb can be made to touch the tip of each or any of the other fingers on the same hand—the monkey's thumb, is non opposable.

The appearance of the hands is a true index to character, and nothing betrays the absence of daintiness or neatness, like the neglect of the hands. Of course every one cannot possess a beautiful structural form of the hand, but can cultivate and beautify the appearance of the hands no matter what form they may have.

The physis hand is the rarest and most beautiful of all. It is small, the palm of medium size, the fingers without knots, the third phalange long and pointed, and the thumb small and well shaped. This is a beautifully shaped hand according to an artistic point of view; still it must be taken care of to preserve its beauty. I would like to say here, that those who possess this beautiful type of hand, cannot always boast of the most sterling characters.

The philosophic hand belongs to the lover of truth, and the reality of things. This hand has a medium sized palm, the fingers knotted and the third phalange an obtuse cone verging almost on the square. Naturally, the philosophic hand shows the absence of the symmetrical beauty of the physis type. The useful hand is similar to the philosophic; it is of medium size, but inclined to be large. When the useful hand belongs to a person of artistic ability, the traits of this hand are very much modified.

There are other classes of hands called the necessary, the artistic and the mixed hands; but the description I have given of the physis, philosophic and useful hands gives a good general idea of the structure of the various types of hands. According to the art of palmology, every hand can be made to look charming by proper attention and treatment.

It is only during the years of childhood that the structural form of the hand can be changed or improved. In later life, the hand is governed by the

quality of the character.

My purpose in this article is to help those who use their hands for their daily work and to teach them of knowing just what to do to make them look their best.

In the first place, immaculate cleanliness is the imperative rule for the care of the hands. When you wash the hands, wash them thoroughly, and when drying them, rub the palm from the fingers toward the wrist, and the fingers from the knuckles to the tips of the fingers; it will be no trouble to make this practice a habit. Never pull the fingers; it has a tendency to enlarge the joints and knuckles, which is not a point of beauty—use tepid water for washing the hands and always be particular to use good soap, but fine bath powder is better for that contains no animal fat. Cheap soaps which contain a large per cent. of alkali are abominations to the skin; those abounding in pure vegetable oils are best.

If the hands feel uncomfortable or dry from some unusual work, rub them with a piece of lemon (which is an invaluable requisite to the toilet stand). The juice of the lemon softens and bleaches the skin. The juice of one lemon added to a table spoonful of glycerine is an excellent remedy for roughness of the hands. If the glycerine does not agree with your skin (and it does not with many,) use the lemon alone.

If the hands are chapped or tender from unusual work or exposure in the cold air, massage them at night with some good cold cream just before retiring, putting on an old pair of gloves larger than your usual size—in the morning you will find all traces of the tenderness gone.

If your fingers are quite square at the tips, you can improve them by massaging them every night with the cream, rubbing them from the knuckles to the tips and pinching the tips to make the cushions round. The French women put on thimbles to fit each finger snugly, cover the hands with soft gloves and let the thimbles remain on all night, but this method seems too much like vanity to be practiced by our practical American women.

Chronic redness of the hand is often the result of lack of exercise to promote circulation.

If the hands are thin and bony, massage them every night with good flesh food or olive oil, being careful to follow my directions, rubbing the palms to the wrists and the fingers from the knuckles to the finger tips—this will preserve the correct shape of

the hand.

Every woman can possess attractive hands. It all depends upon the care she takes of them. The hand has been called the second face, for the reason that it is a reliable index to a person's habits, occupation and character.

Belzac wrote, "People of superior minds (or intellect), always have beautiful hands." This does not mean that all beautiful hands belong to the physis or artistic types.

In another article I will give practical common sense advice upon the treatment and care of the nails.

Miss Roberts has in this article given us some information regarding the theories of palmistry, as well as practical hints as to the proper care of the hands. It is an exceptionally interesting article.

BYRON.

Miss Villa Ladd is teaching the Roxbury Pond school and boarding with Mrs. Elliott Kimball.

L. E. Burgess of Ridgelyville spent Sunday with L. W. Thomas and family.

Miss Rosette Shaw is on the sick list. Dr. Proctor of Weld is attending her.

The public installation of officers of the North Star Grange occurred last Thursday night. Mrs. Kate Ellis of Fairfield, State Deputy, installed the officers.

Buck Skin Sam of Ogunosco visited H. H. Richards' one day last week.

G. L. Hall has finished cutting his ice and is now making cider for Geo. G. Thomas.

Mrs. Harry Donahue of Houghton visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, last Friday.

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MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

Lecture at Dixfield by Prof.
A. N. Leonard of Bates
College.

One of the best of the series of lectures thus far, was given at the Universalist church, Dixfield, Thursday evening, Jan 3rd, by Prof. A. N. Leonard of Bates College. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the audience was small. The charming personality and eloquence of the man added to the interest of the lecture, "Martin Luther and the Reformation." Mr. Leonard spoke in part as follows: "Not so very many years ago it was my happy good fortune to be traveling and tramping with two college chums through the Forest of Thuringia. Our objective point on a certain day in September was the little town of Eisenach; a town claimed by some to be the finest point in the Thuringian Forest.

"As we leave the depot and its train of steam cars, so suggestive of the 20th century, we are transported along the paths of time with seven-league boots and are soon surrounded with memorials of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. Yes, before we finish our walk, we shall have to doff our hats in reverence before an aged castle of the 11th century. As we pass the marketplace with its large fountain and gilt statue of St. George, we come to the Luther Square, and a house in which it is said that Luther, while attending school here in 1489, lived with Frau Ursula Cotta.

"Germany is a land of castles, numerous and famous. I know of no other land with so many castles; no other land whose castles total up such a vast sum of interest as the castles of Germany. In the Wartburg castle, says tradition, there once occurred a famous minstrel's contest, in which the rival minstrels of Germany sang in contest for the hand of the lovely Elizabeth, daughter of Herman, Landgrave of Thuringia. But the rest of our tourists are anxious to see a little small room, bare of adornment, severe in its furnishings, and on the whole rather uninviting. We are standing in the Luther room; we are leaning against the same table at which he worked; we can even see and feel that much talked about ink spot on the wall, at which Luther threw the ink well at the devil.

"The Reformation is one of the four most prominent events of modern history. The other three are: The Invasion of the Barbarians, which blended the German and Romanic elements of civilization, and subjected the new nations to the influence of Christianity; the Crusades, which broke up the stagnation of European society, and the French Revolution, a tremendous struggle for political equality. The Reformation, like these other great social convulsions was long in preparation.

"Even as early as the 11th century, there were events happening, which are now interpreted as ominous of an approaching religious revolution. There were individuals long before the time of Luther, who may easily be called radical reformers; the most notable of such men was John Wicliffe, who lived nearly 150 years before Luther.

"An event of great importance was the Revival of Learning. This great intellectual change emanated from Italy as its fountain, and the three great writers who introduced this new era of culture were Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio.

"The Humanists were slow in gaining a foothold in the Universities, for Theology held the supreme attention. In 1508 the Elector, Frederick of Saxony organized a University at Wittenberg. This new institution was from the first favorable to biblical studies and gave a hospitable reception to the teachers of classical learning. Here was to be the hearth stone of the Reformation. The foremost representative of Humanism, the incarnation, as it were, of its genius, was Erasmus. He produced the first and for a long time the only critical edition of the New Testament in the original. He paraphrased the Epistle to the Romans, that great Epistle, on which above all, the Reformation moved.

"We cannot limit Providence. The work was to be done. The world interest demanded it. Had there been no Luther, a Luther would have been raised up to do the work. But there was a Luther and as far as human eye can see, he was the only living man competent to accomplish the Reformation. From his childhood Luther was trained to fear God, reverence truth and honesty, and hate hypocrisy and lies.

"But in the last analysis, no birth, no blood, or education could fit a man to be the reformer necessary to the occasion. The church had fallen into all manner of evils, and to effect a recovery the reformer should experience what was to be witnessed and taught.

This was to be done in two different places,—in the reformer's own soul, and then on the field of the world outside of him.

"The real nerve of the Reformation was religious. Its life was something different from mere earthly interest or passions. Its seat was in the conscience. The heart, sum and essence of the whole struggle was the maintenance and the working out into living fact of the direct obligation of the soul to God, and the supreme authority of His word.

"How Luther came to these principles is one of the most vital chapters in history. His father had designed him for the law, and Luther had well advanced on this line of study when a sudden change came over his life. Of a natural religious temper and training, educated in a creed which emphasized man's fears rather than the possibility of spiritual peace, Luther fell into great terrors of conscience. Several occurrences contributed to this; for example: (1) He fell sick and was likely to die. (2) A bosom friend of his was suddenly killed. All this made him think how it would be with him if called to stand before God in judgment, and he was filled with alarm. (3) One day he was overtaken by a terrible thunder storm of unwelcome violence. The scene presented to his imagination all the horrors of the medieval ideas of the last day. He vowed before heaven that if his life was spared he would devote himself to the salvation of souls by becoming a monk. The experience was a serious one to the young man, and out of it ultimately grew the Reformation.

"It is doubtful if ever an inmate of a cloister was more sincere, more exacting with himself and the demands of his religion as he saw them, than was Luther. But he found no peace, yet at length he found relief through the loving words of John Staupitz, vicar-general of the Augustinians in Saxony. The vicar bade the young brother look at the love of Christ and let the penance go.

"And so at last the right nerve was touched. The true word of deliverance was brought home to Luther's understanding. Luther did not know what it all meant, nor whether it would all lead. He was innocent of any thought of being a reformer. But in essence the great reformer was born, born in Luther's soul.

"Years of fruitful labor followed; large proportions of the Scriptures were expounded by the skillful theologian. In 1515, he was chosen vicar of the district of Meissen and Thuringia. He endeared himself still more to the hearts of his people by the attendance upon them during a deadly plague.

"Leo had recently been made Pope. By breeding and desire, he longed for a reign and luxury that would equal Solomon or the Caesars. For 500 years the popes had from time to time resorted to the selling of pardons on consideration of payments or services to the church. The act of proclaiming and distributing the pardons was committed to the famous and infamous John Tetzel. He was a Dominican prior, long experienced in the business.

"Luther was on a tour of inspection in his official capacity, when he first heard of these shameful acts. When the infamous Tetzel came near Wittenberg, some of Luther's parishioners heard him and bought his absolutions. At the next confession before Luther, he refused to forgive them unless they were contrite and promised to amend their evil ways.

"The time for outspoken words and decisive action had come; his mind was made up and he determined to speak from the pulpit. His words went to the ends of the earth. Those who listened were deeply affected. The audience was with him in conviction, but many trembled for the result.

"As pastor, preacher and loyal son, he had done what he believed to be his duty. Was he right or wrong? There was but one way left of testing the question. As a D. D. he could lawfully, as was the custom, demand an open discussion of the matter with teachers and theologians. This he resolved upon, and the result was one of the dramatic events of the Reformation; the 95 Theses.

"Luther framed a list of propositions. These theses were nailed to the door of the new castle church, Oct. 31st, 1517. These were nothing more than plainly worded statements,—he attacked neither church nor pope. It is from the nailing up of these theses that the history of the great Reformation dates.

"As no one came forward to discuss the theses, Luther resolved to publish them to the world. At a single stroke Luther had become the most noted person in Germany, the man most talked of in the world. He was of course branded as a heretic, his death at the stake was demanded, but Luther remained firm at his post. The theses were the indirect cause of the end of the infamous Tetzel, as the people were ready to tear him to pieces.

"Luther's cause grew and strengthened, the number of students at the University increased to thousands, all listening with admiration to the sermons of Luther.

In the famous Leipzig disputation which was carried on with Dr. Eck, Luther came to realize that he must surrender his doctrine of salvation through simple faith in Christ, break with the Pope, and that there must come a final break between Rome and Rome. He soon went on lecturing, preaching and writing with the greatest power and brilliancy. The struggle of the tempest waxed fiercer and fiercer every day; his enemies induced universities to condemn his doctrine and sought to have him excommunicated. The Pope, however, seemed to have more respect for Luther than his enemies. It was with great difficulty that Eck secured the Bull of Excommunication. All were forbidden to read his writings and if he did publicly recant his errors and burn his books, he would be delivered over to Satan. All were enjoined to seize the person and to deliver him up as a heretic, but Luther was not without powerful friends; armed knights offered to defend him but he refused their assistance. Later, he brought out formal charges as an unjust judge as a heretic and as a blasphemer of the church. He invited to the scene the whole University, built a fire and the flames mounted high threw a pile of his books and the Pope's Bull of Excommunication. No one will tell but what it demanded a brave deed. The monk of Wittenberg had made the proudest monarch in the world henceforth, the question was, would they should sway the nations in time to come.

"Pope Leo issued a second bull communicating Luther's excommunication. Home next offered a compromise; length the whole matter was left to arbitrators. On March 6th, Leo was summoned to appear in Worms answer for his doctrines and his writings. Luther's enemies feared that they learned he was coming under safe conduct of the empire, and his friends trembled lest he should be the same fate as Hus. However, Luther said, 'I will enter Worms, there be as many devils as there are tiles on the houses.' The city was thronged as Luther made his way to the Council Chamber. The multitude seemed to strengthen him. In the half smothered voices, it was not many alone, it was the whole world all after time, with its free press, free conscience, free speech, free government and free schools.

"In the presence of the Pope, Leo was asked to retract, but his decision was, 'Unless I am convinced by proofs from Holy Scripture, I can and will not retract anything. So be it God. Amen.' After Luther's friends left Worms, the Emperor issued an edict putting him under law of the empire. All were counseled to seize and arrest him if possible. The Elector of Germany made a feigning capture of Luther and he was sealed in the famous Wartburg castle although he had met with foul play to the Romanists. While in Wartburg Luther had leisure to translate the Bible. It was not only a tremendous literary achievement, but an act of prime wisdom and devotion.

"At Leo's death, Adrian 6th made Pope. He tried to reform the church. During the succeeding Pope Clement 7th, the famous Wartburg confession was made, and Leo gave his testimony.

"Luther lived 60 years after working diligently for his church his country. In his 63rd year he peacefully, in the faith he so earnestly preached, honored and loved in his death as few men ever have. Dr. Calvin E. Stowe says of him, 'He was probably never created a more powerful human being, a more full-proportioned man. All constitutes a man was a marked development in him.' Luther was in the front of a channel in the church of Wittenburg, on the day which his own hand nailed the theses.

"Go to Wittenburg today. The castle church erected in 1439 stands. It was injured by a bombardment a number of times. The doors on which Luther affixed his theses were burned in 1760, but were replaced by metal doors in 1833. The Latin text of the theses was on the metal doors and will endure as long as metal can endure. The influence of Martin Luther endures forever, and as long as praise God and accept salvation through His Son, so long will through the invincible leader of German reformation."

NINETY SOLDIERS ORDERED TO PHILIPPINES.

The Ninth and Tenth Cavalry, the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and all the negro soldiers in the army in this country, have been ordered to prepare for service in the Philippines and will sail at times between March 5 and 10 this year. The only other composed of negroes, the fourth Infantry, is now doing in the Philippines.

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